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1987-88 final accounts: revenue KD2.25b, expenditure KD2.80b

## Kuwait slashes budget deficit

KUWAIT, Nov 7, (Agencies): Kuwait said today higher oil revenue and belt-tightening had slashed its 1987-88 budget deficit to KD779 million (\$2.8 billion), the lowest for three years and just over half the planned figure.

Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khoraifi told a news conference this meant more money would go to the reserve fund for future generations, a nest-egg for the 21st century largely invested in foreign stocks and bonds.

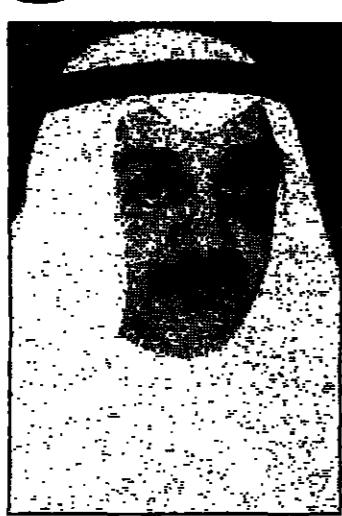
Kuwait, one of the world's largest investors, allocates 10 per cent of revenues to the fund every year.

Khoraifi said revenue for the fiscal year ending last June totalled KD2.25 billion (\$8 billion) and expenditure KD2.80 billion (\$10 billion) not including the fund contributions.

### Recovery

The deficit had been forecast to reach KD1.4 billion (\$5 billion), about the same as in 1986-87.

A major reason for the lower deficit was the recovery of oil prices in 1987 after a crash in 1986. The average price of oil, Kuwait's main source of revenue, during the year



Khorafi

exceeded the projected \$15 a barrel.

Khorafi said the government had also sought to rationalise spending without affecting basic services and people on limited incomes.

He said that levying of some fees on services offered by the state to the public is not aimed at generating money as much as it targets rationalising expenditure and protecting state funds against uncalled-for spending.

"It is illogical," the official said, "to continue to offer free services without the citizen sharing in the financial obligations. A

time schedule should be worked out (on charges to be levied) without affecting the low-income group."

He said persistent deficits sustained since oil prices which plummeted in 1982 endangered the government's reserves.

"Continuing budget deficits will be a danger to the general reserve because they will bring us to the stage where we are forced to cover the deficit from the reserve," he said.

Kuwait's reserves, estimated by bankers at about \$80 billion, include both the reserve fund and a general reserve.

The reserve fund cannot be touched until the next century. The general reserve, worth about KD9 billion (\$32 billion), includes loans to Arab and Third World countries which cannot be recalled quickly, bankers say.

Kuwait financed the 1987-88 deficit for the first time by issuing treasury bills and bonds worth a total of KD1.4 billion (\$5 billion) to local financial institutions.

### Borrowing

Khorafi said a committee headed by the Central Bank governor had been formed to study ways of developing the general reserve.

He also said the government was considering a new law to tie future borrowing to the actual:

instead of the projected deficit.

He did not elaborate on the government's borrowing plans for the current 1988-89 fiscal year, when the deficit is projected to reach KD1.35 billion (\$4.8 billion).

Khorafi said 1987-88 oil revenues were worth KD265 million (\$94.6 million) more than the projected KD1.73 billion (\$6.2 billion).

Khorafi praised efforts by government departments and ministries to realise the savings and stressed the policy of continued rationalised public spending and optimum use of state resources.

### Projects

About the role of the private sector in the budget, Khorafi said that though certain projects cannot be undertaken by this sector, "there is nothing to hinder consideration of offering the chance to the private sector to contribute to some services rendered by the state."

Defending the government's acquisition of shares of local companies, the official said it was aimed at restoring economic stability and improving the companies' overall performance.

Complete privatisation of these companies is not probable until after stability of the market is ensured, he said.

### Suspended

Jatoi yesterday told an estimated 100,000 at an alliance rally not to forget "the reign of terror which Ali Bhutto let loose in Pakistan" during his seven-year rule, which began in Dec 1971.

"Politicians were murdered, women kidnapped, cabinet ministers beaten up, and human rights remained largely suspended during that period," charged Jatoi, a politician from Sindh.

"Don't bring that rule of terror back by voting," for Benazir, he told the rally.

Sharif devoted most of his speech at the rally to denounce the Bhutto family.

Sharif, one of the mainstays of the IDA, said: "We will defeat these ill-intentioned people, so they will go back to where they were raised and educated." Benazir was educated at US and British universities.

### Slammed

"There was a period in this country when anyone who spoke against the government was crushed," he said, referring to the rule of Bhutto.

"When they lost power, they started hijacking planes. Now they want to hijack our nuclear programme."

Benazir's brothers Murtaza and the late Shahbaz were the leaders of a guerrilla group called Al Zulfikar, blamed by government for the 1981 hijacking of a Pakistani airliner.

Her mother Nusrat, who is standing in the elections, was quoted by a magazine as saying Pakistan's top-secret nuclear research plant at Kahuta should be opened for US inspection.

Nusrat Bhutto has denied making the remarks.

But Benazir countered her rivals' claims during appearances at public rallies yesterday in Jacobabad, Jhatpat, Shikarpur, Madheji and Larki.

She said her party "represents the oppressed people of Pakistan."

"My party believes in justice and equality for all," she added. "A new era of fair play and justice will dawn on Nov 16 and the days of excesses against the poor will come to an end."

She promised to create job opportunities for the unemployed and to distribute government-owned land among farmers who don't own any land.

### Oppressed

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revival in Estonian national feeling which has been backed by



### I'm no longer in charge, says Deng

PEKING, Nov 7, (Reuters): Deng Xiaoping, at 84 still regarded as China's most influential leader, said today he was no longer in charge and had passed the reins of power to Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang and Premier Li Peng.

"In China today, those in charge are Zhao Ziyang and Li Peng. I only look into a few matters," the official New China News Agency quoted Deng as telling visiting Uruguayan President Julio Sanguinetti at a meeting in the Great Hall of the People.

Western diplomatic sources quoted Deng as adding that his career was "in its sunset."

Progress

He told Sanguinetti China's progress in the past 10 years — the period of his rule, marked by pragmatic economic reforms — had been "gratifying" and national policies generally correct, the agency reported.

There had been minor errors and shortcomings but no major mistakes.

### Portraits

But in apparent keeping with Gorbachev's reforms the slogans which thousands of civilians brandished afterwards in organised demonstrations concentrated on economic achievements and calls for peace.

Gone completely were the portraits of the country's leaders

which had been common under

revolutionary banners and a

giant portrait of Lenin as Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev led his colleagues through driving snow on to Lenin's mausoleum to view the military parade.

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In traditional fashion Red Square was adorned with revolutionary banners and a

mausoleum was also in line with the Kremlin's "new thinking".

He endorsed co-operation with the West to preserve peace and solve world problems.

### Alarmed

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Russians in Estonia, alarmed at a

revival in Estonian national feeling which has been backed by

the local communists, carried banners criticising Republican Party leader Vaine Vaivas, Estonian leader.

Parades in the southern

republics of Central Asia and

Transcaucasia, where the pace of

reform appears slow, took on a

more traditional character.

## 600 reported killed in Chinese earthquake

BEIJING, Nov 7, (Agencies): A powerful earthquake just inside China's mountainous southern border killed 600 people, two official radio stations reported today.

Benazir, 35, disputed the allegations and said her party represented Pakistan's "oppressed" people and stood for "justice and equality for all" in the Nov 7 on the Richter scale.

Dozens of aftershocks continued through today, with the strongest registering 7.2.

Sparsely

The State Seismology Bureau in Beijing, which earlier reported 18 killed and 54 injured, said it had no new figures. The official Xinhua news agency reported at least 37 were dead and more than 100 injured.

Telephone service was cut off to the affected region in Yunnan province near the Burmese border.

The area is sparsely inhabited by farmers, many of them from the Lahu and Va minorities who speak their own languages and live in simple wood, wood-and-mud houses.

The reported death toll, if accurate, would make the earthquake China's worst since the 1978 tremor that killed 242,000

people in the northeastern city of Tangshan. That quake measured 7.8 on the Richter scale.

Yunnan authorities ordered an airlift of food, medicine and other relief supplies, as roads to the affected area were impassable. Yunnan's foreign affairs office said that doctors and Yunnan Governor He Zhijiang were travelling to the scene.

Ordered

The Communist Party central committee ordered a delegation led by state councillor Song Jian to visit the quake site to oversee rescue work, Xinhua said. It said Premier Li Peng issued a statement expressing sympathy and concern for the victims.

The earthquake was centred in Yunnan's Lancang and Menglian counties about 390 kilometres (240 miles) southwest of the provincial capital of Kunming.



Dukakis with his wife Kitty (picture left) and Bush with his wife Barbara (picture right) during the campaign. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Bush holds strong but dwindling lead over Dukakis

WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (Reuters): The long presidential campaign wound down its final weekend in a flurry of rallies and political invective in the West with polls showing Republican George Bush still holding a strong, but dwindling lead over Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Despite predictions of victory by a wide margin in the vital electoral vote, Bush seemed testy, telling audiences in California if his opponent couldn't stand the heat of an electoral campaign "he should get the hell out of the kitchen".

Dukakis discounted the polls, saying on US television: "We still have two very important days ahead of us."

### Worried

He asserted, "it isn't the poll numbers I'm worried about at this point, it's the decisions that many people are going to make between now and when they go into the polling booths."

He had started his day by telling a rally in Westminster, Colorado, "I smell victory in the air."

### Planned

Barbara Bush defended her husband, telling a television interviewer: "I think we've run a wonderful campaign, and I'm really proud of it."

Both candidates set their eyes on the Midwest today where the big electoral vote states of Ohio, Michigan and Illinois are generally rated too close to call.

Bush appeared ahead in all three states, which account for 67 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the election, but Dukakis seemed within striking distance there.

### Anglo-Iranian talks

NICOSIA, Nov 7, (Reuters): An Iranian delegation left for Vienna today to resume talks with British officials on restoring full diplomatic relations, Tehran Radio reported.

Both men were to stump in Ohio today and Bush planned to visit Michigan as well.

Some polls say Dukakis has gained ground in the popular vote and an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, completed on Saturday, said the Democrat was just five percentage points behind Bush.

But surveys by ABC/Washington Post, CNN/USA Today, and the Gallup poll put Bush's lead in the 10-to-12 point range. More importantly, a number of surveys said Bush had an enormous electoral vote advantage.

The Washington Post said Bush had a clear edge or was leading in 33 states with 313 electoral votes, while Dukakis held the lead in just six states and the district of Columbia with 74 electoral votes.

Eleven states with 161 electoral votes were too close to call, the Post said.

Under the indirect US system, the winner of the popular vote in a state takes all of that state's electoral votes. Altogether there are 538 electoral votes.

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Ahmadi: 21°C 70°F  
Fallak: 22°C 72°F  
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Kuwait: 39°C 94°F  
Ahmadi: 31°C 88°F  
Fallak: 32°C 87°F  
Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 100 per cent  
Ahmadi: 72 per cent  
Fallak: 78 per cent  
Maximum humidity expected:  
Kuwait: 100 per cent  
Ahmadi: 74 per cent  
Fallak: 80 per cent

## INTERNATIONAL

**Street protests greet choice of new Sultan in Nigeria**

LAGOS, Nov 7. (Reuter): Street protests broke out in the northern Nigerian city of Sokoto yesterday after the selection of a new spiritual leader for millions of Muslims, newspapers reported today.

Crowds chanting "Bamu so" meaning "We don't want" in the

Hausa language, greeted the news that millionaire Ibrahim Dasuki had become the 18th Sultan of Sokoto, the government-owned New Nigerian and other leading dailies said in reports from the city.

Dasuki's appointment to the most revered traditional title for

Nigerian Muslims, who say they account for about half the country's 100 million people, ended several days of confusion about the sultanate. But it was unclear today in Lagos, 1,000 kms (625 miles) to the south, whether order had been restored in Sokoto.

The local assistant commissioner of police told Reuters to contact the Sokoto state military governor's office.

"I am not in a position to comment," the senior policeman said in a telephone interview.

Dasuki's appointment rever-

sed an unofficial announcement last Thursday that Mohammadu Maccido had succeeded his late father, Sir Sadiq Abubakar died on Tuesday aged 85 after 50 years as head of the Sokoto caliphate founded in 1804 by the Islamic warrior and teacher, Usman Dan Fodio.

Dasuki's appointment rever-

**Reform electoral system: Herzog**

**Israeli soldier stabbed to death**

MASSEA, West Bank, Nov 7. (Reuter): A Palestinian stabbed to death an Israeli soldier in the occupied West Bank today before being chased and shot dead himself, an Army spokesman said.

The soldier was guarding the Jewish settlement of Massua in the Jordan valley about four km (three miles) from the Jordanian border when he was stabbed.

Another soldier and a resident of Massua chased and shot dead the attacker, the spokesman said.

It was the second attack on Israel in eight days. Palestinians threw a petrol bomb at an Israeli bus last week, killing a woman and her three children.

Residents said the Palestinian, Ahmed Hussein Abdulla Basharat, 21, pulled out a knife and stabbed the guard, Rabat David Danieli, several times after being ordered to show his identity card.

**Frustration**

An Army reservist saw the stabbing, grabbed his gun, and shot Basharat who cried "Allah u Akbar" (God is great) before dying.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin flew to the scene and told reporters the stabbing was motivated by "personal frustration and nationalism" adding: "I don't think he came here with the intention to murder."

**Sakharov arrives in US**

BOSTON, Nov 7. (Reuter): Soviet human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov began his first trip to the United States by remembering dissidents who he said are still being silenced.

Sakharov, 67, made it clear when he arrived last night that he has not stopped his criticism of the Soviet Union's treatment of dissidents.

"If feel it is my duty at this moment to remember" the many others still being punished in the Soviet Union for their dissidence, the Nobel peace laureate told reporters through an interpreter.

He is due to give a news conference today with colleagues in

Basharat's employer, who asked not to be identified, said the Palestinian had come to Massua to seek \$10 owed him for 10 days work. He described Basharat as a religious extremist.

The soldier was the 11th Israeli to die in a nearly 11-month Palestinian uprising against Israeli military rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 317 Palestinians have been killed in the violence.

**Urged**

In a separate development, President Chaim Herzog urged Israel's two major parties today to form a temporary unity government to reform an electoral system that often gives small religious parties the balance of power, politicians said.

But after Herzog made the proposal, officials from both the rightist Likud and centre-left Labour parties said such a government was not realistic and pledged to continue efforts to form narrow-based coalitions.

**By law Herzog must designate the candidate with the broadest support in Parliament to form the government. He will consult all the parties this week before making a decision.**

Labour and small left-wing parties won 49 seats out of 120 in the Israeli parliament in the Nov 1 election.

**NEWS IN BRIEF****Typhoon Skip**

MANILA, Nov 7. (AP): Typhoon Skip hit the central Philippine islands today with 175-kilometre per-hour winds. Storm warnings were posted in Manila as the capital braced for the second typhoon in two weeks.

Mudslides and flooding from torrential rains forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes, and high waves sank a freighter today.

Skip came ashore early today on Samar Island, about 655 kilometres southeast of Manila, and was heading northwest at 22 kilometres per hour, the government weather service said.

**Jane's security**

LONDON, Nov 7. (AP): The publishers of Jane's Defence Books today expanded the reference series with a new volume on riot control, counter-insurgency weapons and equipment to detect and protect against terrorist assaults.

"The amount of effort and research being put into the defence of every realm against traditional threats is dwarfed by that going into the defence of the realm and the populace against the terrorist, the insurgent, the freedom fighter or the guerrilla in his forward to "Jane's security and counter-insurgency equipment."

**Ringo Starr**

LONDON, Nov 7. (Reuter): Ex-Beatle Ringo Starr and his actress wife Barbara Bach are being treated for alcoholism in a US clinic, according to former Beatles spokesman Derek Taylor.

**Strikes hit Britain**

LONDON, Nov 7. (Reuter): Thousands of civil servants disrupted government services today with strikes and mass rallies to protest against the dismissal of four intelligence workers who defied a union membership ban.

Several ports, prisons, courts and post offices had to operate with skeleton staff as state employees walked off the job to support a 24-hour strike call by Britain's two biggest civil servants' unions.

At least 80 per cent of the government's social security offices were closed.

The stoppage, backed by the opposition Labour Party, is the latest action in a four-year-old union row with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government.

The four workers were dismissed from Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham because they refused to comply with a government ban on union membership enforced on security grounds in 1984.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Gandhi reinstated as lawyer

LONDON, Nov 7, (AP): Forty years after his death, Indian political leader Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was reinstated Sunday as a lawyer by the Legal Society in London that disbursed him in 1922, a member of the society said.

Gandhi, who protested the actions of India's British colonial government with a campaign of passive resistance, was arrested and imprisoned in India several times in the 1920s.

As a result, he was disbursed in 1922 by the Inner Temple, one of the four inns of court with exclusive right to call lawyers to the English Bar.

Sunday was the 100th anniversary of the start of young Gandhi's legal career at the Inner Temple, and Patrick Sheehan of the Legal Society said the posthumous reinstatement indicated a changed point of view.

"I believe people weren't used to the idea of the revolting dominions, colonies, seeking their independence in that way," Sheehan said.

"With the passage of history, we're now seeing a different view and viewpoint which I believe is well summed up in this form of reconciliation which has now occurred in particular regard to this famous man."

## 60,000 Iranian volunteers killed in war

NICOSIA, Nov 7, (Reuters): Iran has said that 60,000 members of its basij volunteer force were killed during the eight-year war with Iraq — almost half its total number of military dead.

Mohammad Ali Rahmani, head of the basij unit in the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, said four million basij volunteers served at the front "offering 60,000 martyrs during eight years of sacred defense."

Rahmani was quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA, which reported in September that 123,200 Iranian military personnel were killed in the war and 11,000 civilians died in air attacks.

The basij and other Revolutionary Guard units bore the brunt of the fighting. The regular Army, purged of its senior officers after the downfall of the Shah in 1979, was often relegated to a supporting role.

The basij frequently spearheaded the near-suicidal "human wave" attacks which characterised many Iranian offensives early in the war.

## Newhouse dies

NEW ORLEANS, Nov 7, (AP): Norman N. Newhouse, who helped build the world's largest privately held communications empire, including 26 newspapers across the United States, died yesterday after a long illness. He was 82.

Funeral services were to be held on Wednesday in New York city.

## Abu Nidal group denies holding Belgian doctor

## French girls to be freed soon

BEIRUT, Nov 7, (AP): The Palestinian faction led by Abu Nidal said it was taking "positive steps" to free two French girls held captive nearly a year. It also disassociated itself from the disappearance of a Belgian doctor.

The girls, Marie-Laure, 6, and Virginie, 5, and their mother, Jacqueline Valente, 30, were among five Belgian and three French captives seized by guerrillas from the French yacht Silko last Nov 8 off the occupied Gaza Strip.

"Our movement asserts that it has taken positive steps to free the two girls, Marie-Laure and Virginie, who are getting all care and attention and are in good health," the Fatah-Revolutionary Council said.

The statement was released in Beirut.

The Belgians are Emmanuel

Houtekins, 42; his wife, Godelieve Kets; his son Laurent, 17; his daughter Valerie, 16, and his brother Fernand, 40.

Abu Nidal's group is wanted by Western governments for a string of terrorist attacks.

There was a bid to secure the girls' release last April when Lucien Bitterlin, a former French Gaulist parliament deputy, visited Beirut. But the kidnappers said their mother refused to allow them to go.

The Palestinian faction has said the eight Jews working for the Israeli secret service. But the Belgian and French governments have said the captives are all Roman Catholics.

Daniel

The faction on Sunday disassociated itself from the May 21 kidnapping of Belgian physician Jan Cools. The group accused

Belgian authorities of succumbing to Israeli allegations that he was held by the Abu Nidal faction.

The statement said an unidentified Lebanese faction was holding him.

"Dr Jan Cools is held by a Lebanese group which said it has not concluded its investigation with him," the statement said.

## Ransom

Cools, 32, disappeared after leaving his apartment in the Rashidiyah Palestinian refugee camp near the southern port of Tyre. He had worked in the camp with a Norwegian humanitarian group, Norwac, for three months.

Police said they had no information on his disappearance. But a group that runs the camp said in May that Cools was kidnapped by unidentified gunmen

at a road junction near Tyre. It gave no details.

There were recent reports in Beirut that the faction holding Cools was asking for \$5 million ransom to free him, but neither the police nor the Belgian embassy could confirm that.

French mediator Lucien Bitterlin, president of the French Arab Solidarity Association, made several trips to Lebanon in response to an FRC request to negotiate the release of the hostages. His efforts yielded no results.

It accused Israeli intelligence of misleading the Belgian authorities and of diverting their attention from the hostage issue.

The statement came hours after Israeli helicopters raided FRC bases in south Lebanon and police reported a child was killed.

## Shootout

BEIRUT, Nov 7, (AP): A Fijian soldier of the United Nations peacekeeping force in South Lebanon was wounded in a shootout today with Shiite Muslim militiamen. UN sources said.

They said the peacekeeper suffered two bullet wounds in the chest fired from an AK-47 automatic rifle. He was shot in a 20-minute fire fight with six gunmen of the Amal militia.

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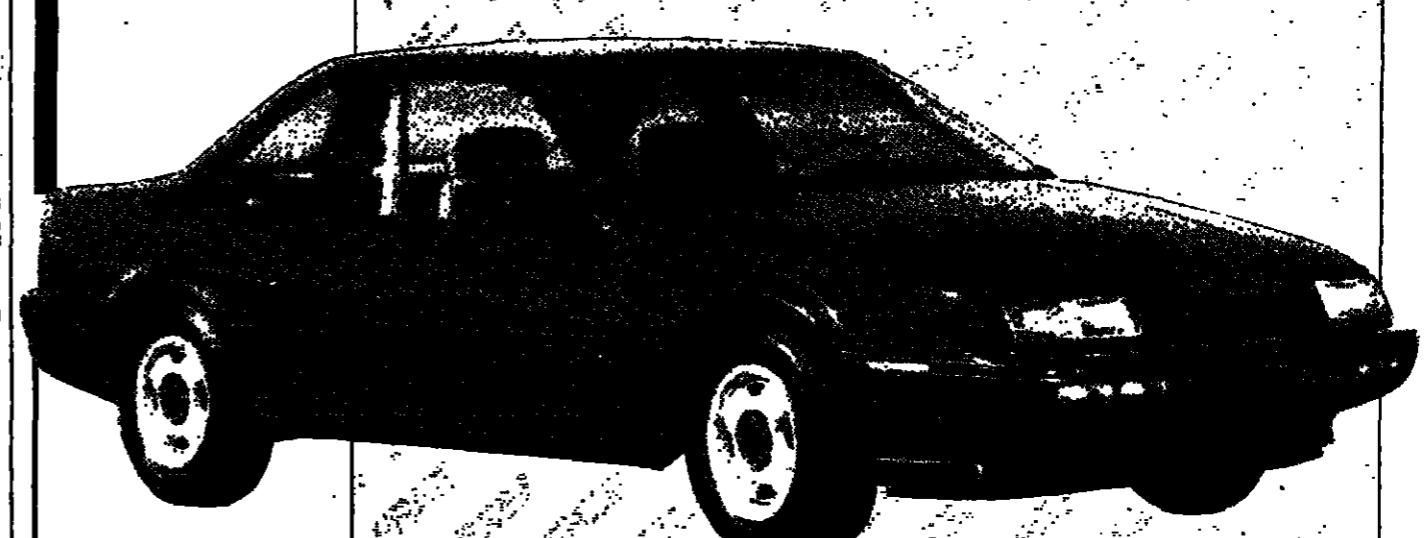
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## Stalled peace talks resume

GENEVA, Nov 7. (Reuters) Iran and Iraq today embark on a second week of talks aimed at securing a permanent peace settlement but with their positions on key issues still wide apart.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who returned to New York at the weekend after chairing a week of apparently fruitless negotiations, said before leaving he had told his representative to report to him no later than Nov 16.

### Needed

This gives Sweden's UN envoy Jan Eliasson, who is scheduled to chair a full ministerial session in the afternoon, little over a week in which to achieve progress on a troop withdrawal and an exchange of prisoners.

Despite a warning from Perez de Cuellar that the Aug 20

ceasefire was fragile and that concessions were needed the two countries appear entrenched in their positions on these two key issues.

Iraq has suggested an immediate release and repatriation of an estimated 100,000 prisoners of war (POWs), saying this was a pressing humanitarian issue which should be considered separately from the peace talks.

Iran has responded by saying it is ready to repatriate some 1,500 wounded POWs but has refused a major exchange until Iraq withdraws its troops from occupied Iranian territory.

"Withdrawal is the key element for progress," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told reporters before yesterday's one-day break in the talks.

## French telecommunications conference, exhibit begins



Abdullah Al Sharhan opens the exhibition.

KUWAIT, Nov 7. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan today inaugurated a conference and exhibition on French telecommunications at the Meridien Hotel. The events will continue through Wednesday.

In his opening speech, Al Sharhan said the event is the fruit of an agreement between Kuwait and France on technical co-operation in postal and telecommunication activities.

### Opportunity

"Such an occasion also comes as an opportunity for developing friendly and co-operative relations between Kuwait and France as well as enhancing the ties and interests of both countries," Al Sharhan said.

He said the conference will provide the latest information in telecommunications for his ministry and others which use telecommunications in their work.

In addition, the conference's

agenda includes space telecommunications which he described as a new subject which attracts the world's concern, he said.

The French Ambassador to Kuwait Jean Belvier told the opening session that the decision to hold the seminar in Kuwait was made by the Kuwaiti-French Joint Committee in January 1988.

### Relations

"This is an occasion to stress the climate of good relations existing between our two countries and in particular between the Kuwaiti Ministry of Communications and France Telecom," Belvier said.

He said the seminar has been expanded to cover space technology with special emphasis on the future development of the "Ariane Space" launcher.

Representatives of some telecommunications institutes in the Gulf Co-operation Council states are participating in the conference.

## Ministers discuss security co-operation

RIYADH, Nov 7. (KUNA): Interior ministers of the six GCC countries met here today to discuss security co-operation between their states and to co-ordinate the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking.

The ministers are holding their seventh conference since the Gulf Co-operation Council came into being in 1981. They will refer their recommendations to the ninth annual GCC summit planned for December in Bahrain.

### Reports

The agenda includes reports from GCC security committees on civil defence, criminal investigations and airport security, according to conference sources.

The gathering brought together interior ministers and security officials from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdul-Aziz, who is chairing the meetings, told his GCC counterparts in an opening

address: "Our responsibility is to provide a security situation where it will be possible to strengthen other aspects of co-operation between the GCC countries in political, economic and social areas."

Despite the stability and massive economic development in the region, the GCC countries are facing domestic and external factors that call for stronger co-operation between them, he said.

He did not elaborate, but was possibly referring to security disturbances in recent years related to the Iran-Iraq war which ended with a ceasefire last August.

Since 1983, many subversive bomb attacks were carried out in Kuwait while Iranian pilgrims bloodily rioted during the hajj season in Saudi Arabia in 1987.

The Saudi minister added that organised crimes like drug smuggling and terrorism often have international and political facets which compound problems and call for greater co-operation.

## Undersecretary meets Americans

KUWAIT, Nov 7. (KUNA): Kuwaiti undersecretary of the Commerce and Industry Ministry Abdulla Al Hamad today met with US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Trade Robert Pines and the director of the US Trade Bureau for Near-East Affairs Thomas Sasse.

The two sides reviewed trade relations between Kuwait and the US and means of promoting them, an official source at the Ministry of Commerce said.

The source added the two US officials also met with the director of foreign commercial relations at the ministry, Bader Abdel Rahim. Bilateral trade ties were discussed.

## Iranian briefs

### UAE on talks

ABU DHABI, Nov 7. (Reuters) Deputy Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Mohammed Besharati today briefed the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the peace talks with Iraq, the official Emirates News Agency WAM reported.

It quoted Besharati as saying he told UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdulla Al Nuaimi about the Geneva talks and efforts to implement UN Security Council Resolution 598.

"We also discussed Gulf security and the role the regional states should play in this respect," he said.

### Friendship

Besharati, who arrived in Abu Dhabi from Oman on Sunday for a three-day visit, said he will also visit Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

Diplomats in the region described his tour as a gesture of friendship towards Gulf Arab states which had basically supported Baghdad during the eight-year Iran-Iraq war.

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## Fighter pilots graduate

KUWAIT, Nov 7. (KUNA): Two batches of Kuwaiti pilots graduated Monday after completing training courses on the Hawk and Skyhawk fighter planes.

The graduation ceremony at the Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base was attended by Defence Ministry Assistant Undersecretary Sheikh Sabah Nasser Saud Al Sabah, ranking army officers and commander of the air forces of the GCC taking part in joint manoeuvres in Kuwait.

Head of the operation department of the Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base Group Captain Yousef Al Duwayan said in an address to the advanced training on the Skyhawk had flown during the course a total of 137 hours.

Pilots of the other batch had flown 71 hours in training on the Hawk aircraft, he said, adding that the two courses were instructed by a number of ranking Kuwaiti Air Force officers.

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He attributed accidents to cars being driven at high speed, overconfidence by 80 per cent of drivers and reckless driving by motorists under 30 years of age.

He said 53 per cent of highway accidents involve drivers under 30 years of age.

National products will be also displayed, including samples produced by the cement factory and salt and chlorine industries.



Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber receiving a copy of the credentials of the new Hungarian ambassador to Kuwait.

## Sheikh Saad visits Arab training centre

RIYADH, Nov 7. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla today visited the Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training.

Sheikh Saad was received by the head of the centre, Dr Farouq Murad, who accompanied the Crown Prince during his tour of the centre's various sections.

Show

Earlier in the day Sheikh Saad saw an air show organised by King Faisal's Air College.

He was welcomed by Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, second deputy premier and defence and aviation minister, Prince Abdel Rahman Bin Abdulla, deputy defence and aviation minister and other senior officials.

The airshow included various formations by Saudi Royal Air Forces' DC9, Hawk, F5, F15, Tornado, Boeing 707 jets and

Tweig Palace.

British band big hit in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq, (AP): A little-known British jazz band has become the hit of Baghdad, playing open-air concerts at the city's big hotels and the international trade fair.

The six-piece Tom Collins Band from Gloucester, in southwest England, has been performing to standing ovations since it arrived in the Iraqi capital Friday, sponsored by a British firm at the trade fair.

By day, trumpeter Tom Collins and his musicians play for visitors to the fair on a stage erected amid displays of heavy British industrial machinery.

More than 2,000 firms from 62 countries are represented at the fair, the first since the Aug 20 cease-fire in the war against Iran.

By night, the band plays for Baghdad's elite in luxury hotel supper clubs.

Their repertoire of tunes by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Cannonball Adderly and other jazz giants has made them the hottest thing in the Iraqi capital as it adjusts to peace after years of war.

Collins said he started the band in Gloucester several years ago at the local jazz club. Now the band plays regularly at London's 100 Club in Oxford Street and also performs in France, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United States.

"The reception has been fantastic," Collins said. "I never thought we'd draw such huge crowds. But I suppose they haven't had much jazz lately."

Hamdi Kaduri, a well-known Iraqi musician and critic, said the band's concerts "are the best popular Western music we've heard in recent years."

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## Institute for banking courses

DR Abdullah Muhanna Salem Al Ghani, director of the Banking Studies Institute, was quoted in a local daily as saying that since its establishment the institute has organised 220 training courses for 4,204 participants.

The institute is planning 65 additional training courses for 1,300 participants. These courses will cover all banking and financial activities, the official said.

He added that the institute organises the courses with the help of public and private bodies to cater to local needs.

Developments

Al Ghani pointed out that the institute keeps pace with rapid developments on the international level and provides training courses based on those developments.

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## WHAT'S ON

## MUSIC

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jabra Ballroom, Meridian Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the Meridian Hotel.

## Piano and Violin Recital

NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

## Filipino Song Festival

NOV 25: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 pm. All Filipinos are welcome.

## SOCIAL

Nite Flight 88  
NOV 10: SAS Hotel. The Tent 9.30 pm: Airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, and Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contest, prizes and surprises. For reservation contact Ken Winston — 5740256; Celestino — 2420631; Shahi — 2420002; Tony — 2415439.

## Diwali Mela

NOV 11: from 11.30 am. The Punjabi Cultural Society will hold the Diwali Mela (fair) at the Indian Arts Circle. The all-day event features lots of fun for adults and children. Highlights include games, home-made Punjabi food. All Indians are welcome.

## Danish Meeting

NOV 11: Daniella invites all Danes for a desert picnic on Friday from 10 am. For details contact Karen Marie — 3715146; Annette — 3720182 ext. 33.

## Contact

NOV 12: SAS Hotel, 10 am: Contact, the ladies information group, will hold a meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 4874513; 5388105.

## Navelim Youth Centre

NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407356 after 5.30 pm...  
Bter Rabbit

NOV 12-18: 6.30 pm! 'Bter Rabbit, a children's musical show, will be performed at the Universal American School. Directed by Ken Winston.

NOV 17-18: matinees at 3 pm at the same venue.

For reservations call 5740256/7, 9 am - 1 pm; 4.30 - 7 pm; or 5731782.

## Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper." For further details call 3713467.  
Kuwait Caledonians

NOV 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abe and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 372690 ext. 253.

## SPORTS

## Windsurfing Competition

LAST chance to enter the annual windsurfing and photographic competitions, which will be held at the SAS Club on Nov 11. Super prizes. Closing date for entries is Nov 9. Application forms available at SAS Club reception. For details call 4745916 or 9022058.

## PBAK bowling tournament

THE PBAK knockout bowling tournament has been postponed and will be held in the last week of November. The dates will be announced later. However, registration continues for the PBAK second Filipino non-pro. Rules will be announced after completing entry forms. Deadline: Nov 22. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 484-3447.

## BA Speedbird Trophy

NOV 18 (Friday): 9 am: Forty-five over all day match for the BA Speedbird Trophy between a Great Britain XI and an Indian Select XI at the KOC Ground, Ahmadi. India XI's Man of the Match will win a roundtrip ticket: Kuwait-Madras or Kuwait-Delhi. All are welcome.

## NAUI Diving

NAUI diving starts new course on Nov 14: boat trips every Friday. Tel: Frank — 4830570/4830474.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex 22332 to Events Section or and delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, to the Arab Times Office in kuwait. Photographs will be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## Bolshoi and Lithuanian dancers to take part

## Russian ballet in Kuwait

BALLET dancers from two of the best known Soviet ballet companies will present two performances in Kuwait later this month.

The Bolshoi and Lithuanian ballet dancers will perform on Nov 19 and 20 at the Al Andalus Cinema.

Top Bolshoi dancers Viktor Barirkim and Nadezhda Pavlova, Lithuanian dancer Murat Daukayev and Andrei Kondratov lead the troupe of 35 dancers and soloists who will perform here.

The Bolshoi, the leading ballet company of the Soviet Union, is famous for elaborately staged productions of the classics and children's ballets that preserve the traditions of 19th century classical dance.



Bolshoi dancers Nadezhda Pavlova and Viktor Barirkim

scenery and costume that has since characterised the group's productions.

The Lithuanian company also has a fascinating history. Opera was born in 1636 in Lithuania. Though it is difficult to give an exact date for the birth of ballet in Lithuania, it is generally believed that its roots go back to 1648 when a court theatre performed regularly.

The form developed in the 17th century, and saw up and down before acquiring its

present status.

The Lithuanian Ballet, one of the largest, was formed in Kaunas in 1920 and moved to Vilnius in 1948. Its rebirth is linked with the present day Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre.

The performers who are coming to Kuwait are considered to be among the top ballet dancers in the Soviet Union. Viktor Barirkim, who recently performed in Boston, USA, at the Soviet-American festival, is a graduate of the Moscow choreographic school and joined the Bolshoi Ballet in

## Performers

A special performance for children may be organised, with a flat rate for school-goers.

The show is being organised by Leisure and Arts Inc., which will take the companies on a Gulf tour after the Kuwait performance.

## Musical 'Nite Flight'

THE airlines staff in Kuwait are all set for Nite Flight 88, their first social get-together, on Thursday night at the SAS Hotel.

Three of the best-known bands in Kuwait will be in attendance. The Juke Box band will present rock music, the

Stepping Stones will add a few pebbles of popular music and Remy de Mello and Tony Pinto promise jazz, courtesy Jazz Quartet, Meridian.

The night's entertainment includes games and competitions.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.10 Good Morning

9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial

9.45 World News via Satellite

10.00 Dar Khuoso: local serial. Starring: Abdul Hussein

Abdul Rida, Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahd

10.45 Good Morning

11.00 Wa Yaqoob Al Amal: daily Arabic serial. Starring: Abeer Essa, Mohammad Qabbani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya.

12.00 News Summary

12.15 Variety Show

1.00 News Summary

1.05 Holy Quran/Close down

6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan

7.00 News Summary

7.20 Songs

7.50 In Public Service: You and Your Health

8.30 Good Evening

9.00 News in Arabic

9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashya: Arabic serial, starring Jafar Saadi, Qassim Mohammad, Salimya Qadir, Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman

10.45 Qadaya Masriya: Focus on Theatre

12.00 News Summary

12.05 World News via Satellite

12.30 Holy Quran/Close down

6.30 Professor Poosaqle: children's serial

7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "Ships of Trade." A group of British and Dutch archaeologists search for sunken trade vessels

8.00 News in English

8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Bang the Big Drum." The police are on the look-out for Maggie's husband

9.30 Easy Street: Starring: Lori Anderson

10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: tonight's episode examines the devastation caused by hurricanes in the US.

10.30 Edge of Darkness: Police thriller. Detective Brian is involved in unravelling another mystery

11.30 News Summary

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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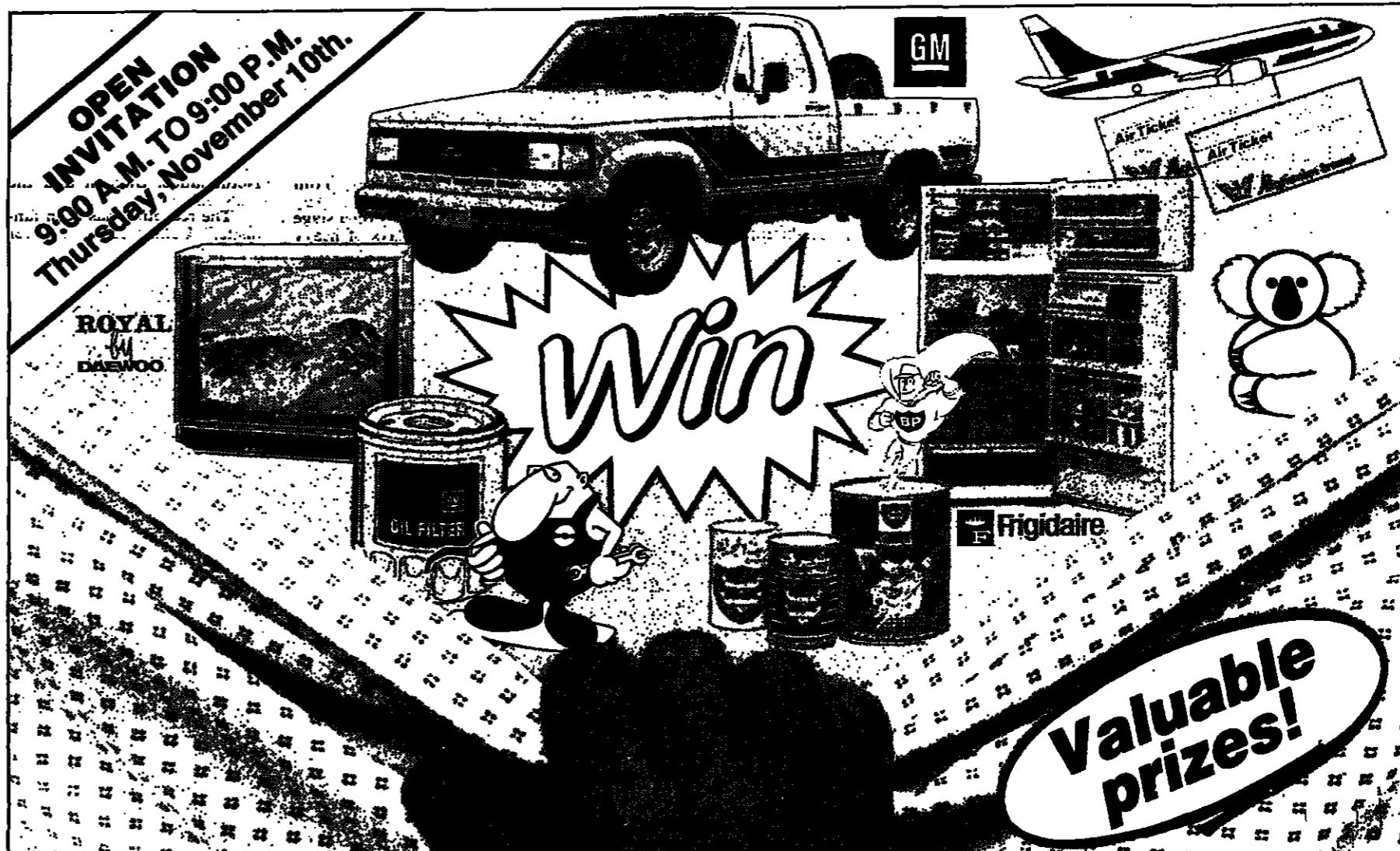
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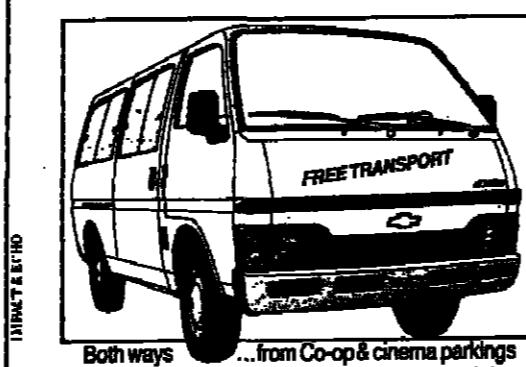
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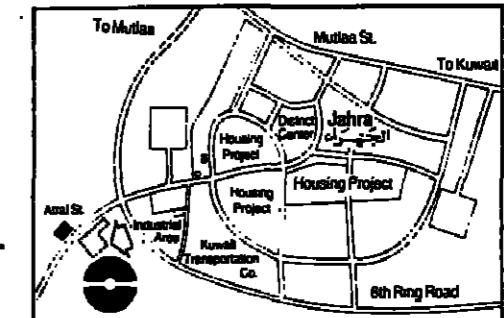


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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

ONLY a mediocre person is always at his best — W. Somerset Maugham, English author (1874-1965).

After protests against arming rebels

## Afghan treaty may be torn to pieces

By Victoria Graham

**UNITED NATIONS.** (AP) The Soviet announcement on Friday that it was suspending its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan culminated months of Soviet protests against the arming of Afghan rebels by Pakistan and the United States.

The action could mark an unravelling of the carefully crafted UN-Afghanistan agreement signed last April in Geneva by the Soviet Union, the United States, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

That agreement was hailed as the United Nations' first victory in the resolution of regional conflicts in many years and a sign that the Soviet Union was trying to extricate itself from regional conflicts worldwide.

Among its provisions, the agreement called for withdrawal of Soviet troops and non-interference by foreign governments in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Friday in Moscow that the troop withdrawal was suspended because of heavy rebel attacks. He indicated the Soviet Union might not meet the Feb 15 withdrawal deadline if the attacks continue.

### Arming

The United States proudly acknowledges arming the Muslim rebels and denies it is violating the Afghanistan agreement. It accuses the Soviets of violating the pact by aiding the Kabul government and, most recently, by providing SS-1 Scud missiles.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, currently in Geneva for Iran-Iraq talks, had not yet seen the Moscow report and had no immediate comment, according to UN officials in New York.

UN diplomats said the development indicated that some may have overestimated the Soviet determination to withdraw from Afghanistan, end an unpopular war and cut its losses at any cost, despite provocative rebel attacks.

The postponement was the clearest of many Soviet statements to date that continued arming of anti-government Afghan rebels by Pakistan and

the United States would not be tolerated and could jeopardize the withdrawal schedule.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has made several statements protesting Pakistani aid to the rebels, which he said violated the Geneva agreement. The rebels do not recognise the Geneva agreement.

### Violations

Shevardnadze had said that if violations and aid to the rebels continue, the Soviet Union could be forced to reconsider and possibly extend its withdrawal schedule.

In September, Shevardnadze told reporters that the Soviets completed the first phase of their withdrawal but not started the second part.

"Let's wait and see," he said. "It is necessary to stop the violations that take place."

He told the General Assembly: "As soon as Soviet troops began to withdraw, a non-stop production line of violations was set in motion."

He also appealed to the five permanent members of the Security Council to discuss violations of the withdrawal agreement. The five are the United States, Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union.

Under the UN-mediated Afghanistan agreement, the Soviet Union agreed to withdraw half of its 100,000 troops from Afghanistan by Aug 15 and the remainder by Feb 15.

### Certified

The UN observer group of 50 soldiers certified the Soviet pullout, but the Soviet complained — on the day that UN peacekeepers won the Nobel peace prize — that the group was doing a poor job and not investigating violations of the agreement such as the arming of rebels.

The agreement also required non-interference by Afghanistan and Pakistan in each other's internal affairs.

The Soviet Union and Afghanistan say the arming of rebels by Pakistan and the United States violates the agreement. Pakistan says an end to arms supplies to the rebels depends on a Soviet halt to arming Afghan government.

## Visit to Poland

## Thatcher walked diplomatic tightrope

By Peter Gregson

**LONDON.** (Reuters) Margaret Thatcher ended one of her most delicate foreign journeys as Britain's prime minister on Friday, walking a diplomatic tightrope during a three-day visit to Poland.

Aides said Thatcher had been extremely touched by her reception, notably on her last day in Gdansk, stronghold of the outlawed Solidarity union where tens of thousands of people gave her a tumultuous welcome.

British hopes that her long and frank talks with Poland's communist leaders would pay dividends for both bilateral ties and relations between Eastern and Western Europe were boosted when Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski made a surprise airport appearance to bid her farewell.

### Talks

Thatcher's third official trip behind the Iron Curtain, following visits to Hungary in 1984 and the Soviet Union last year, took a familiar theme in her talks and a banquet speech: Emulate capitalism, loosen political shackles and watch democratic reform reap economic reward.

But the fledgling reforms Jaruzelski and the month-old government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski have tentatively embarked on barely start Poland down the long road espoused by Thatcher and the message she brought was not what they wanted to hear.

Jaruzelski had even gone to the extent of warning Thatcher, in a British television interview on the day she arrived, not to meddle in Poland's internal affairs.

What they were hoping for, promises of help to ease the country's chronic \$37 billion debt burden, she resolutely refused to pledge.

## Help for guerrillas fighting leftist regimes

By Charles Waterman

**WASHINGTON.** Support for armed insurgents fighting Third World leftist regimes which came to power by force is a hallmark of the Reagan era.

The so-called "Reagan doctrine" is not enshrined in any official policy document. Rather, says Christopher Lehman, a former special assistant to President Reagan for national security affairs, it is "an agreed upon, region by region, proactive approach designed to restore democracy and then to make it work."

"A clearly-understood intent of administration policy deliberations was the desire to make things difficult for the Soviets and their proxies — to burn their fingers and make the cost of remaining prohibitive," he concludes.

And, after a span of nearly eight years, the "Reagan doctrine" appears to have left its mark:

- A withdrawal of Soviet troops, which have propped up the communist Kabul government for nearly 8 years, is well under way in Afghanistan.

- In Kampuchea, the occupying Vietnamese have proposed a pullout of 50,000 of their 120,000 troops by year's end.

- And the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua has grudgingly acknowledged it cannot avoid a minimal dialogue with the United States-backed Contra rebels.

### Concessions

Stanislav Levchenko, Sovietologist and former KGB anti-measures officer, believes Soviet concessions will go further.

The Afghan withdrawal is certain, and I am convinced the Cubans will be ordered by the Soviets out of Angola. Something will be started in (Kampuchea), and I wouldn't be surprised if, by the end of the year, we see a reduction in Soviet support for Nicaragua," Levchenko

says. "(Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev is reformulating Soviet foreign policy to undo the misjudgements of the Brezhnev era."

So, are we seeing a vindication of President Reagan's robust, though controversial policies, toward these Third World hot spots?

The answer is mixed. Most observers agree that US support has indeed played a major role in forcing change in Afghanistan.

But in Kampuchea, US support for the Kampuchea coalition and thus its overall impact has been minimal. The situation in Nicaragua is far from positive from Washington's perspective. And while an Angolan political settlement looms on the horizon, it is still vulnerable to the fluctuations of wider southern African developments.

Some individuals and groups protest passionately that, whatever the overall gains of the policy, the human cost has simply been too high. Without the escalation of military operations made possible by American support, they assert, the toll of lives would have been much lower.

### Modifying

According to some, a far better alternative would have been to let normal economic and political evolutionary trends modify the Marxist-Leninist regimes in Nicaragua and Angola without armed Western interference. But few of these sources say that such a policy would work in Afghanistan or Kampuchea.

Second, even when Soviet-backed governments may be shattered, regional specialists say successor regimes will not necessarily be pro-Western:

- In Afghanistan, what could well occur is a takeover by Muslim fundamentalists, with policies akin to Iran.

- In Kampuchea, the two non-communist anti-regime movements could easily be overwhelmed by their coalition partner — the hated but powerful communist Khmer Rouge. The Khmer Rouge was responsible for an estimated 1 million deaths when it was in power between 1975 to 1979.

- In Angola, UNITA has yet to prove its proclaimed willingness to co-exist in a peaceful coalition with its current enemies.

Third, similar differences are emerging between the US and

military regimes which support the insurgents.

The latter typically entertain more far-reaching goals than Washington. Pakistan, for instance, is concerned not solely with a Soviet withdrawal, but also with having a compatible neighbour in Afghanistan.

South Africa clearly wishes for an Angolan regime that will tacitly accommodate Pretoria's regional agenda. And China's long support of the Khmer Rouge is unlikely to be readily discarded, despite US pressures to do so.

Many analysts see the divergent goals between the regional players and Washington carrying the seeds of possible friction.

### Support

While Western military and monetary support to insurgents in the Third World has helped motivate Soviet flexibility, experts say it is not the sole ingredient.

They point to a medley of other factors:

Gorbachev's apparent aim of defusing regional tensions in order to obtain Western concessions on major strategic issues; disillusionment about the value of its Third World adventures; Moscow's need to remedy its economic weaknesses; Chinese pressures; and the resistance movements themselves.

There were no clear ideas of the Soviet Union's true national state interests. These interests in no way lay in chasing petty and essentially formal gains associated with leadership coups in certain developing countries.

With a strong caution that conditions vary widely between areas, a former senior member of the National Security Council staff and "Reagan doctrine" supporter puts the balance of factors motivating Soviet compromises at 60-40 — with the

larger proportion representing the pressures generated by visible US military and political support given to the various resistance movements.

Others count the balance differently, with greater weight given to internal factors in the Soviet Union.

### Pressure

Ex-KGB officer Levchenko asserts that American "pressure was a catalyst and expedited (concessions). But Gorbachev's motivation is primarily rooted in his domestic economic problems."

Arkadi Shevchenko, former Soviet Undersecretary of the United Nations, stresses the importance to Moscow of improving relations with China.

If the Soviets and Vietnamese withdraw from Afghanistan and Kampuchea respectively, Moscow will have met two of the three conditions stipulated by the Chinese for a betterment in relations," Shevchenko says. "The only further issue," he adds, "is that of militarization along the Soviet-Chinese border — and I suspect they will meet Chinese conditions there also."

What if the Gorbachev era proves short-lived, and a power shuffle in the Soviet Union brings conservative leadership disinclined to make further compromises?

While acknowledging that retrenchment is possible under such circumstances, Shevchenko joins many Kremlin-watchers in doubting that older patterns of aggressive behaviour would reappear soon:

"The Soviets just can't afford another Cuba or Vietnam. I don't think most likely new leaders would go as far as Brezhnev did," says Shevchenko.

It is, in short, not one ingredient that is causing the trend, but several occurring simultaneously.

Would the current situation differ, had no US support been given? The answers differ markedly.

The Afghan resistance would have received assistance via Pakistan from the Islamic world and probably China. But most qualified observers agree that the addition of generous Western assistance, including the US's surface-to-air Stinger missile, elevated the intensity of mujahideen activity to a point where the Soviets felt pain.

As far as Angola is concerned, UNITA's designated secretary for foreign affairs, Tito Chin-guji, says, "The results we are now seeing did not occur during the time when US support was absent. American supply of anti-air and anti-armour weapons was the turning point."

And an American ex-intelligence officer who knows Angola well contends that heavy Soviet-Cuban air and ground support to the Angolan government in 1984 and 1985 had pressed UNITA to the limit, before delivery of the US's Stinger missiles.

In Kampuchea, the largest force fighting the Vietnamese-backed government is the Khmer Rouge, not the two non-communist factions modestly backed by Washington and its Asian allies.

Chinese support to the Khmer Rouge preceded Washington's role and would continue regardless. According to US officials, the key effect of the latter has been largely to strengthen slightly the hand of the conservatives within the resistance toward the Khmer Rouge.

In Nicaragua, Contra supporters agree the resistance could never have commenced large-scale activity without American support and motivation.

Clearly, US support on the ground has drastically affected the course of battle in Afghanistan, Angola, and Nicaragua. The impact in Kampuchea has been modest, and the longevity of support for the Contras is obviously a question mark.

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## Army holds the key to Uganda's political future

By David Ress

**KAMPALA.** (Reuters) Ministers and civil servants at Ugandan government headquarters know that the plans they are drafting for Uganda's future depend very much on the Army.

The success of those plans, which include a new constitution by 1990, depends partly on whether the National Resistance Army (NRA) can keep the fragile peace, the first since dictator Idi Amin was overthrown in 1979.

Another question is how the Army reacts to such constitutional proposals as reducing the power of the president — possibly a first in Africa.

"You can only have a change of power with the consent of the Army," said one senior civil servant at the 11-storey headquarters of the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM).

"It is the Army that will hand over power," he said.

The Army, acting as a guerrilla force, brought the NRA and President Yoweri Museveni to power in 1986 after five years of civil war in this East African state.

### Ungrateful

"It would be, I think, ungrateful, and not only that, unrealistic, that broad reform be carried out without the backing of the Army," said Constitutional Affairs Minister Sam Njuba.

Njuba, an influential figure in the NRM, told Reuters that he felt the kind of reform Museveni's government contemplates is almost without precedent in Africa.

The NRM wants to move away from the strong executive presidency enshrined in the current constitution.

### Action

"He talked about two things: A Kennedy library and writing, but that wasn't his life," Goodwin said, suggesting such academic pursuits were too sedentary for a man of action.

### Generals

Childress recalls a delegation of Soviet generals visiting JFK's grave. In minute detail, they told where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news that the president, who had confronted their own leader over Cuba but later joined Nikita Khrushchev in a nuclear test ban treaty, was dead.

Like many Americans, they wondered what might have been.

O'Brien and Powers doubt Kennedy would have run for political office after serving two presidential terms, but others wonder.

"It's just possible he might have stayed in politics, going back to the senate," said Dean Rusk, who served as Kennedy's

treasurer during his term.

"He'd probably agree with Ronald Reagan on exactly one subject: that the 22nd amendment is a nuisance," Bundy said, referring to the constitutional amendment that limits presidents to two terms. "I think by now he'd be ready to try again."

"If they had repealed the 22nd amendment, let's say five years ago, this (election) might be Reagan vs. Kennedy," he said.

"It would be quite an encounter." Kennedy would have been six years younger than Reagan.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1519 — Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez reaches Mexico City.
- 1620 — Catholic League under Count Tilly defeats Army of Frederick of Bohemia at battle of White Mountain near Prague.
- 1793 — Louvre Museum in Paris opens to public.
- 1880 — Civil War in Samoa begins.
- 1917 — Nikolai V. Lenin becomes chief commissar in Russia and Leon Trotsky is named premier.
- 1950 — First battle between jet planes as US fighters are attacked by North Korean MiGs near Yalu River in Korean conflict.
- 1956 — UN General Assembly demands that Soviet troops withdraw from Hungary.
- 1955 — United Arab Republic and Sudan sign agreement on sharing Nile waters after construction of Aswan Dam.
- 1966 — Italian city of Florence appeals to world to help save art treasures damaged by floods.
- 1977 — Israel shells Palestinian commando concentrations in southern Lebanon.
- 1978 — Pope John Paul II calls human rights "the great effort of our time."
- 1987 — Bomb kills 11 people and injures 55 at memorial service for Britain's war dead by Irish terrorists at Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.

## Kennedy lives in emotions of millions

By Miriam Jordan

**SAO PAULO,** (Reuters): When David opens the morning mail at the Butantan institute in Sao Paulo, he stands well back. Among the books and papers, the institute receives about 50 of the world's most lethal snakes every day.

But if David — he uses only one name — makes a false move, help is close at hand.

Butantan, the biggest snake farm in the Americas, makes 315,000 vials of snake bite antitoxin a year, enough to save the lives of nearly all 40,000 Brazilians poisoned every year. Fewer than 200 of these victims die in an average year.

The institute houses 57,000 serpents and thousands of spiders and scorpions. Founded 87 years ago, it has a hospital which pioneered treatment of snake bites in Latin America.

Each year Butantan receives thousands of snakes, mostly sent by farmers in Brazil who wish to contribute to its research and anti-venom production projects.

"We get stacks of letters from people who want to send snakes. We send them a box and they place them right on the train or the plane," said Sylvia Lucas, head of the institute's biology division.

About 270 species of snakes, of which 70 are poisonous, inhabit Brazil's tropical forests and vast grasslands. Scientists believe only Australia has a greater ratio of dangerous snakes.

In Brazil the most common poisonous serpents are the brown and white pitviper and rattlesnake, the red, white and black coral and the feared bush master, which maims its victims by twisting its 4.5-metre

## Snake farm helps save human lives

(13-foot) body around them.

David, who has worked at the Butantan for 28 years, sorts out the mail with a long hooked pole. His keen eye can differentiate between the so-called false coral, which is harmless, and the real one, which is deadly.

Lucas said that as more areas of Brazil's frontier are ploughed for crops, more snake accidents are likely.

"When vast areas are opened up for one crop, rats are bound to come around. The snake's favourite dish is rat, so pretty soon they'll be a lot of them. It's a chain reaction," she said.

In Butantan's three new snake cages — nicknamed Snake Hotels — about 50 snakes live with special lighting and heating to keep them warm.

They are fed once every 20 to 30 days. One snake can gobble up five rats in virtually one gulp.

The poison extracted from these snakes is transferred to a ranch where 300 horses are raised especially for producing antitoxin.

The horses are periodically injected with highly-controlled doses of different snake poisons. Their body reacts to the poison by producing antibodies which neutralise its effects.

These antibodies ultimately become the antitoxin used to save human lives.

Though horses show extraordinary resistance to snake poison, they still suffer from the monthly injections and about 10 per cent of them die.

"In the United States there are 8,000 cases of snake bites a



A worker at the Butantan, the largest snake farm in the Americas holds a so-called False Coral snake. The farm is home to 57,000 serpents.

To reduce the risks to the horses and increase serum production, scientists from Butantan and Sao Paulo University are experimenting with gamma rays, which could diminish the toxicity of snake poison.

"The horses suffer but nuclear treatment to reduce the toxicity of the snake poison would enable us to inject them with more poison but do less harm," said Jose Rogero, head of the university's research team.

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## SCREEN

A film buff takes a trip down memory lane, when cinema halls first came to Kuwait and were a popular source of entertainment for locals and expats alike.

By Ali Behbehani

The first cinema hall, the Al Sharqia Cinema, located behind the Amiri Hospital, is a nostalgic reminder of the introduction of cinema to Kuwait. Now in ruins, it was once the home of entertainment for cinema buffs.

Set up in 1954 by the Kuwait Cinema Company, it opened its doors to the public by showing an Arabic film called Dearer Than My Eyes.

Nearly all films screened at Al Sharqia were invariably box-office hits with tickets sold on the black market at exorbitant prices.

There were two daily shows at the cinema hall, the first for women and the second for men.

I was a little boy of seven or eight at that time, frequenting the cinema with my cousins and brothers. I recall seeing several films, including an Arabic feature entitled "Hamido," starring Farid Shawki and Huda Sultan.

Badal was the first Hindi film to be shown at Al Sharqia, thus launching the trend of showing Hindi features, which were very popular among the film buffs in Kuwait.

Several popular films were shown like Shammi Kapoor's Laila Majnu, Pradeep Kumar's Nagin and two Raj Kapoor starrers "Barsaat" and "Boot Polish."

To coincide with the premiere of one of the best Hindi films, "Mother India," Al Sharqia organised a simultaneous opening in Kuwait in 1957. Mother India won many honours for Nargis, who played the title role. Raaj Kumar and Sunil Dutt co-starred with the actress. During the making of Mother India, Nargis married Sunil Dutt.

Mother India became the last film to be shown at Al Sharqia. The cinema hall was shut down due to the opening of two new cinemas — Al Hamra and Al Firdous.

## A house full of nostalgia



All that remains of Kuwait's first cinema hall, the Al Sharqia. (Photo by Raed Qutais).

Al Sharqia was eventually demolished, but its remains still exist, like the silver screen which stands proudly among the ruins of the once bustling cinema hall.

Before the advent of video, cinema was extremely popular with a large following among the Kuwaitis and expatriates. Some of the best movies of the early 1960s were shown at the two new cinemas.

Al Hamra opened with Victor Mature's film entitled The Egyptian. This was followed by the first cinemascopic film The Robe, starring Richard Burton. The sequel to The Robe, Demetrius and the Gladiators, was also screened. In the sequel, Victor Mature co-starred with Susan Hayward. Richard Burton appeared in a flashback sequence in which Jesus was crucified.

Spectacular movies were shown those days like Steve Reeves' Giant of Marathon, Hercules Unchained, Hercules and the Queen of Lydia, Morgan the Pirate and Duel of the Titans, also known as Romulus and Remus, co-starring Gordon Scott and Egyptian actor Ahmed Ramzi.

Other memorable movies shown at Al Hamra were Helen of Troy starring Jacques Sernas, Rossana Podesta, Maciste, featuring Mark Forest; Journey to the Centre of the Earth, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Green Mansion; The Time Machine; War of the Worlds; The Sundowners and The Lost World. The last film earned a fortune for the KCC.

In 1963, a historical film called The Longest Day was screened. The multi-star cast of 40 actors included John Wayne, Henry Fonda, Sean Connery, Robert Mitchum, Sal Mineo and Richard Burton.

Al Firdous Cinema was reserved for showing two type of films: Indian and Tarzan movies. Some of the best Tarzan films were shown between 1960 and 1964.

The black and white Hindi film hits were screened in the early Sixties in Al Firdous. Some films were shown simultaneously in two cinemas — Al Hamra and Al Firdous. One that comes to mind is the spectacular Dilip Kumar Vyayantimala starrer Gunga Jumna.

Horror films were shown occasionally by KCC. The Black Scorpion was shown at

Al Firdous (1960); The Innocents (1963) and Torture Garden (1964) at Al Andalus.

In 1961 some English features were also screened at Al Firdous. Some memorable movies were Richard Todd's The Hellions; Robert Mitchum's Night of the Hunter and George Montgomery's The Black Patch.

In 1962, Fury River and its sequels Mission of Danger and Frontiers Rangers were shown at Al Hamra. Buddy Ebsen and Keith Larsen co-starred in all the three films.

Al Andalus screened several box-office hits including Two Women with Sophia Loren and French actor Jean Paul Belmondo; The Third Secret with Stephen Boyd and The Guns of Navarone and others.

The showing of Marlon Brando's movie, The Godfather, marked the opening of Al Salmiya Cinema.

Video has brought movies into the drawing room but the charm of seeing them on the big screen still takes many a film buff to the cinemas, which are now more or less deserted, but patronised by a few regular cinema fans.

Men in Shati (refugee camp), I would do a painting. Now I do films."

Mashrawi, 26, rejects arguments his films are political.

"I don't speak about politics. I don't speak about dividing land. I don't speak about peace or war or about an independent Palestinian state."

But he admits frankly that "if I do a film, even if it's love a story, then it's political because I am a refugee from Shati, living in Tel Aviv, making a film."

It is especially political in 1988, the year of the Palestinian uprising against 21 years of Israeli occupation. Scenes from the uprising are in the second half of The Shelter script, but Mashrawi and producer Bashir Abu-Rabia, a Palestinian Arab bedouin, say they may not have enough money to film them.

Abu-Rabia and Mashrawi pooled \$7,000 of their own to make the movie. Their small

cast and crew is entirely volunteer, though it includes top Israeli Arab actors Salim Dow and Muhammad Bakri.

"As we have the French, the American, we must have Palestinian cinema," said Bakri. "It is not the Arab cinema. It is something else. It has some special colours. The Palestinians have their own mentality."

Crew members generally dis-

miss talk of the politics of The Shelter. But the film has hit home for some Israeli crew members who said they were shocked by a scene in which Israeli authorities drag a bloodied Arab worker from his hiding place.

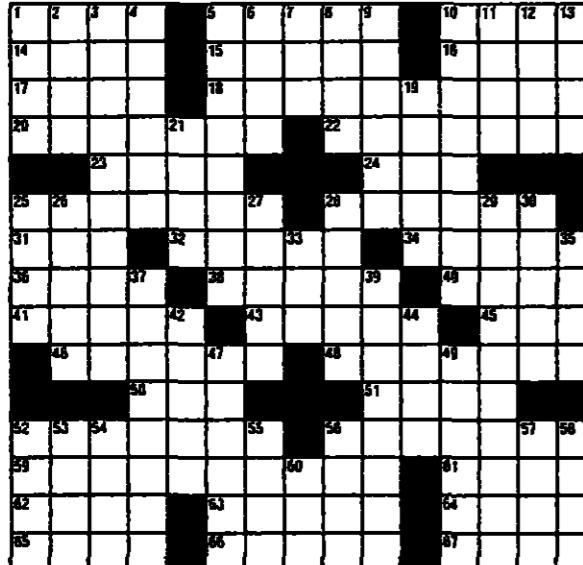
They also criticised the film

for its black-and-white port-

rayal of Arabs and Jews.

Mashrawi worked as a scenic artist on more than 20 movies before attempting to direct his first film. Passing Permit, screened six months ago in Tel Aviv.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 25 Mortars' partners
- 28 Cruel person
- 31 Old English letter
- 32 Bar, to Belli
- 34 Winter month, in Madrid
- 36 River nymph
- 38 Netherlands' export
- 40 Highlander
- 41 Cause consternation
- 43 Put in jeopardy
- 45 Michael Jackson hit
- 46 Real follower
- 48 Draws out
- 50 Actress Hagen
- 51 Chains, in Paris
- 52 Central veins of leaves
- 55 Cuts down
- 59 Seagoing vessel
- 61 Command to a husky
- 62 Trapper's take
- 63 Lyceum pupil
- 64 — the bullet

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ALL, OR NOTHING AT ALL

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

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♦ A J 7 3

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#### EAST

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#### SOUTH

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5 ♠ Pass 5 NT Pass

6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

#### Opening lead: King of ♦

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury:

"This lawsuit is frivolous in the extreme. There can be no reason why my client, Mr. South, should be found guilty of negligence. Consider how carefully he played this hand."

"He won the opening lead in dummy, then drew two rounds of trumps ending in hand. Next came a finesse of the jack of hearts. Had this succeeded, he would have been

able to discard one of dummy's diamonds on the king of hearts, and he would have been able to try for an overtrick with the diamond finesse.

"Unfortunately, the heart finesse lost and East returned a club. My client ruffed, crossed to the ace of hearts and took the diamond finesse. That, too, lost, so my client went down on trick. Since the odds on one of two finesses working is at least 3-to-1, how can anyone blame my client?"

"Ladies and gentlemen, honorable counsel's defense of South has been more learned than accurate! Mr. South would have done better to claim his slam at trick one—the defenders would probably have conceded."

"Suppose he wins the opening lead, then ruffs a club. Two rounds of trumps, ending on the table, are followed by another club ruff, and then come ace-king of hearts and a heart ruff. Now declarer completes the elimination by leading the jack of clubs and sluffing a diamond from hand!"

"When West wins the queen—he must hold milady in light of his opening lead—he can either yield a ruff-sluff or else lead a diamond into declarer's major tenace. Either way, declarer loses a club trick and no more. We insist on a guilty verdict and damages."

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### THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRUCE PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



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### YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will not be quiet at your best and will have to make an extra effort. You should not permit yourself to idle and daydream. Make sure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be courteous.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be better able to make yourself master of the situation. Avoid allowing others to tell you what to do. However do listen to and act on good advice. Be loyal.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Your friends will stand by you as you have done for them. You should not allow yourself to act on impulse. Do not try to gain speed at the expense of quality. Be reliable.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be praised for something you know you did not do. There is a need for a little more patience. Something you are learning will come to you in due course so do not despair. Be sincere.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. This is not the right time to play your trump card. Leave yourself with enough time for your family. Be punctilious.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have a lot to do but should not get into a panic — just get on with it. You are a little too liable to exaggeration. Make sure you do not allow yourself to get into a muddle. Be helpful.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will have a bit of luck but not enough to enable you to sit back. Avoid allowing yourself to be distracted. Do not indulge a tendency towards extravagance. Be tolerant.



"I'm taking you off the vitamins for a while."

### SCREEN

## Movie pirates triumph over Hollywood moguls

By Andrew Quinn

TAIPEI, (Reuters): If you want to see the latest Hollywood blockbusters in Taiwan, skip out to Taiwan's small-time showmen.

MTVs began in the early 1980s as coffee shops that attracted customers by showing clips from the US cable music video channel MTV.

Business boomed, and they soon began showing feature-length films. There are now tens of thousands of MTVs, some capable of seating hundreds of patrons.

Taiwan's many underground copying operations keep MTVs stocked with up-to-date films by churning out thousands of illegal copies from master videotapes smuggled in from the United States.

Some low-budget pirates even sneak recording equipment into cinemas to copy the films directly off the screen.

For only a fraction of the official retail cost, MTV owners can obtain films, which are then shown at huge profit to Taiwan's star-struck youth.

"Taiwan is so small and crowded, there are few places where young people can go to be alone," said Paul Huang,

head of Videogram Control at Taiwan's government information office.

"The market demand for these things is huge," Huang said.

Despite fears that the darkness and privacy offered by MTVs could encourage youngsters to emulate the steamy love scenes on the screen, the government decided in May to bow to market pressure and legalise the operations.

#### Outraged

The motion picture companies were outraged, saying the government was ignoring grand larceny by Taiwan's film bads.

"Our calendar year income in 1987 was 32 percent less than in 1986, largely because of MTVs," Fan said, adding that the total loss ran more than \$5 million.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## UK firms fear foreign takeover wave: CBI

TORQUAY, England, Nov 7, (Reuters): British companies fear a wave of foreign takeovers will leave much of the country's industry in foreign hands in the 1990s, the head of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) said yesterday.

"If contested takeovers continue at their present rate, by 1992 strategic control of much of British industry will be exercised from outside the (European) Economic Community," CBI director general John Banham told reporters at the confederation's annual conference which groups Britain's largest employers.

The EEC has set 1992 as the year when it will become a single market with common rules and standards.

### Openness

Banham said the relative openness of securities markets in Britain enabled non-EEC companies to gain a foothold in the community through takeovers of British firms.

"In the run-in to 1992, the risk of a wave of foreign takeovers is of great concern to many CBI members," he said.

Last month, the government stepped in to block the biggest takeover bid in British corporate history, a £2.9-billion (\$5.1-billion) offer by Minorco, a South African-backed group, for mining giant Consolidated Goldfields PLC.

Cous Gold alleged possible insider dealing in its stock ahead of the bid.

In another recent takeover attempt, Edinburgh-based Scottish and Newcastle Breweries PLC, the fifth biggest in Britain, rejected a £1.6-billion (\$2.8-billion) offer by Australian brewer Elders IXL Ltd.

## Philippine economy no longer 'sick man of Asia'

MANILA, Nov 7, (AP): President Corazon Aquino said today the Philippines was no longer the "sick man of Asia" and urged her nation's Southeast Asian neighbours to invest more to help sustain economic growth here.

"Today, perhaps more than at any other time in the past 20 years, the Philippines is on the rise," Mrs Aquino told a conference of about 500 businessmen from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. "The momentum of recovery is building up."

The six-member ASEAN includes the Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

"Less than three years ago, the Philippines was also known as the 'sick man of Asia.' Its economy, which had led the way for other Asian economies in the early '60s, was in a dangerous tailspin," Mrs Aquino said. "Today, we can proudly say that we have pulled off one of the most phenomenal rescue operations in economic history."

Mrs Aquino, who rose to the presidency in a civilian-backed military uprising in February 1986, said her government had arrested the economic slide of the last years of Ferdinand Marcos' 20-year rule.

She said the economy had bouned to a 5.7 per cent growth in gross national product in 1987, and 6.8 per cent growth in the first half of 1988.

Mrs Aquino added that from a consumption-led growth that had carried the economy in 1987, an investment-led growth has been achieved this year. She said capital growth rose from 4.8 per cent in the first half of 1987 to 22.5 per cent in the first half of 1988.

She also said that while the economy was on the rise, her government was able to keep inflation under a double-digit figure.

## Energy talks

BAGHDAD, Nov 7, (OPECNA): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi had talks here yesterday with British Trade and Industry Secretary Anthony Newton on the expansion of oil and energy co-operation.

Newton is the leader of the British delegation to the seventh session of the joint Anglo-Iraqi committee on economic, technical and trade co-operation.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Minister of Housing and Reconstruction Taher Hassoun Al Marzouq received a delegation of 140 businessmen from Gulf Arab states which is currently here to explore the chances of taking part in Iraq's post-war reconstruction.

## Financial markets nervously focus on US election

LONDON, Nov 7, (Reuters): The world's financial markets are nervously awaiting the result of tomorrow's US presidential election, financial analysts said.

They said the markets would be more comfortable with the continuity of Republican George Bush moving up from the Vice Presidency rather than the uncertainty of Democratic newcomer Michael Dukakis becoming chief executive of the world's biggest economy.

Whatever the outcome, there will still be some concern.

"Bush — assuming it is he — cannot extend the business cycle, maintain stable inflation and keep the (trade and budget) deficit down at the same time," said George Magnus of Warburg Securities in London.

**Protectionism**

If Michael Dukakis should win, dollar sales would soon follow because Democrats are viewed as the party of protectionism, said currency analyst

Brimley Best in Paris.

Shares dealers in London said stock markets worldwide had already discounted a Democratic win.

"A Bush victory looks almost certain so if Dukakis gets in it would be taken badly by the financial markets," a British shares analyst said.

Some currency dealers in New York wondered if the dollar, which closed higher on Friday at 125.05 Japanese yen and 1.7905 West German marks after stronger-than-expected US October employment data, would fall after the election, as previously thought.

### Mood

"The mood has changed," said a dealer in Chicago.

"Before, people thought the dollar has to be sold after the election, whoever wins it."

Dealers said the market was beginning to shift its attention to the next batch of trade figures.

If the US September trade deficit is

larger than the projected \$10 to 11 billion, the US currency will resume its downward trend, said Naotsu Okada, a senior dealer at Sumitomo Bank's New York branch.

Some strengthening of the dollar could arise from Monday's meeting at the Bank for International Settlements in Basle of central bank governors from the major industrial nations.

### Interventions

Following last week's open market interventions by the Japanese and American central banks to brake the dollar's fall, the Basle meeting is expected to plan how best to prevent a dollar rout.

Encouragement may be drawn from the latest analysis by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development which said the economic climate in its 24 member countries was "unusually favourable — even euphoric."

The analysis, quoted in the Paris-based International Herald Tribune

newspaper, forecast continued expansion to 1990.

Oil markets ended last week quietly with traders showing little interest in taking fresh positions ahead of a meeting of OPEC ministers in Vienna on November 21.

### Quota

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer reiterated on Saturday his country's willingness to abide by its OPEC production quota if other OPEC members did the same.

"We have said many times and we repeat today anew that Saudi Arabia will be the first country to respect its share on condition that all members of OPEC maintain their designated quota," the official Saudi Press Agency quoted him as saying.

"We hope that the coming meeting of OPEC oil ministers will arrive at clear decisions to set production limits and an upper limit to prices for a period of two or three years under tight supervision."

## World Business Summary

### Nigeria to publish new industrial blueprint

LAGOS, Nov 7, (OPECNA): Nigeria will soon have a new blueprint for industrialisation, according to President Ibrahim Babangida.

In a weekend speech marking the opening of the eighth Lagos International Trade Fair, the President disclosed that the document contained a package of incentives guaranteeing adequate returns on investment. Babangida commended the role of the private sector in the realisation of the country's economic recovery programme and urged its leaders to "look inward" for their raw materials.

He reminded the country's industrialists of some of the breakthroughs that had been made in research, calling on them to "avail themselves of the findings."

The President reiterated the need for co-operation between government and organised private sector in order to ensure the economic and technological development of the country. Meanwhile, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Alhaji L.A. Salami said here that the 10-day fair was aimed at promoting and fostering international trade.

He stressed the importance of international trade in helping developing countries re-adjust their balance of payments through exports to industrialised countries.

Salami disclosed that over 300 local corporate organisations and 45 foreign companies from 18 countries were participating in this year's annual event. Special pavilions, he said, had been created for local and indigenous technology as a method of promotion.

### Rich-poor gap widens: study

WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (AP): A new economic study shows a widening gap between rich and poor since President Reagan took office, with the poor falling farther behind and middle-class families holding even only because more family members are working.

The study conducted for the Economic Policy Institute says the top-earning 20 per cent make nine times as much money in 1986 as the poorest 20 per cent, compared with seven times as much in 1979. Institute President Jeff Faux said the report shows average American families have been under greater economic pressure during the last decade than at any time since World War II.

Stephen Rose, a Seattle economist who wrote the report along with economist David Fasenfest of Louisville, said the widening gap between rich and poor is a reversal of trends in earlier decades.

The study concludes that without big increases in the number of women working, as many as 60 per cent of American families would have been unable to keep up with inflation from 1979 and 1986, the latest year for which complete data is available.

The report says the number of working wives increased from 55.4 per cent in 1979 to 66.1 per cent in 1986. "This is an important first step in measuring the real economic benefit of having a wife work," Rose said in a telephone interview yesterday. But he cautioned that more study is needed to determine the additional costs families incur when the wife works, such as greater need for child care.

### Bright forecast for oil investment

JAKARTA, Nov 7, (OPECNA): Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Gimandjar Kartasasmita said here at the weekend that future investment in the country's oil industry was "bright", despite the current slump in oil prices.

He said although the climate for oil-producing countries and companies was "unfavourable," interest by foreign investors in Indonesia remained "fairly high." The minister was speaking at a ceremony marking the signing of a contract for oil and gas exploration between the state-owned oil company, Pertamina, the Teikoku Oil and Amoco Java Sea Petroleum.

He said there were several factors which encouraged investors to come to the country, including Indonesia's steady social, political and economic standing. The government's economic policies were deemed reliable, he said, while overall working conditions were easier than elsewhere, despite a number of shortages. Gimandjar also commented that the country was close to the large and growing energy markets of Korea, Taiwan and China. He stressed that these reasons were enough for Indonesia to remain an attractive proposition to investors.

### Cocoa prices at best for two months

LONDON, Nov 7, (Reuters): Cocoa futures prices rose to their best since late August today on speculative buying despite postponement of a producer nations' summit. Traders said prices were held by market talk that French interests may have clinched a deal with the Ivory Coast that would take 400,000 tonnes of cocoa off the oversupplied market. Futures prices for March, the most actively traded month, rose to £362 (\$1,525) a tonne, up nearly £10 (\$17) from Friday.

The summit talks in Lome, Togo, were to have brought together leaders from 12 countries of the cocoa producers' alliance which produce about 80 per cent of world cocoa. The Togolese government said the summit was postponed because some leaders could not attend. No new date was given. Cocoa fell to a 13-year low in September after the failure of talks between producers and consumers in the International Cacao Organisation (ICCO) on measures to support the market. In another development today, Malaysian Primary Industries Minister Lim Keng Yauk said his country saw no urgency over joining the ICO.

"There is no urgency," Lim told reporters when asked if Malaysia would join the group.

## Leading nations, banks urged to lend more money to indebted countries

## Japan set to take strong role on Third World debt

TOKYO, Nov 7, (Reuters): No matter who turns out to be the next American president, he'll have to deal with a more forceful Japan on the thorny problem of Third World debt.

Senior Japanese officials and bankers have made clear that they do not believe a US plan to help debt-ridden developing nations is working.

"We see the situation as very serious," said Koji Kashiwaya, deputy director-general at the Finance Ministry.

Washington can ill afford to ignore Tokyo's advice on the debt question because Japan is the world's biggest creditor.

Assuch, it is increasingly being put on the spot by developing nations looking for money to solve their economic problems.

The US plan, fashioned by former US Treasury Secretary

James Baker, calls for leading nations, multilateral organisations and banks to lend more money to indebted countries which put their economies in order.

According to Japanese officials and bankers, the plan's Achilles heel is the failure of commercial banks to come up with the extra money for deserving nations.

Bank of Tokyo chairman Yusuke Kashiwaya told foreign journalists last month that Japanese banks will refuse to give any more money to the debt-ridden Third World unless major nations act to make those loans more attractive.

"Without some credit enhancement, how can you get private banks to lend more money?" Kashiwaya asked. "I am furious about the matter."

Multilateral development

banks have also been slow in extending new money to the Third World, Kashiwaya said.

"We definitely need the support of other donor countries to help fill the gap caused by private banks and multilateral development banks," Kashiwaya told Reuters in an interview.

Japan's answer to the problem is the so-called Miyazawa initiative, named after Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa. It calls for developing countries to swap bonds for some of their commercial bank debt on a one-for-one basis.

Some delegates speculated US opposition to the Japanese idea also played a part in Tokyo's decision not to push it more strongly, though Kashiwaya said such opposition was not so certain.

**Crisis**

In what some in West Berlin saw as a swipe at the Japanese proposal, US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady warned against any plans for solving the Third World debt crisis by transferring risk from private banks to govern-

ments.

"Such a bail-out argument is nonsense," Kashiwaya said.

By allowing US banks to write off some of the developing country debt to them against taxes, the Reagan administration is already providing the banks with some sort of debt relief at the expense of the public sector.

**That is also a bail-out,**" Kashiwaya said.

But he was equally dismissive of Democratic Party proposals to allow developing countries to write off some of their debt.

Miyazawa said that would provide the debtor nations with short-term relief. It was not a long-term solution, however, because it would only serve to discourage commercial banks from any future lending.

The Miyazawa initiative would not do that, he said.

## US election a lottery for African economic planners

ADDIS ABABA, Nov 7, (Reuters): The United States presidential election tomorrow is little more than a lottery for African economic planners.

"I was asked the other day what the elections mean for our economies. I really can't spot what might be the winning ticket for Africa," said a top African economist for the UN Economic Commission for Africa.

The Washington-based Overseas Development Council (ODC), an independent non-profit organisation set up in 1969 to increase American understanding of Third World problems, has mapped out a blueprint for reviving the US role in Africa's economy.

Neither Republican candidate George Bush nor his Democratic rival Michael Dukakis had shown their hands in this respect, he noted.

But Congress, wielding important influence over any efforts to ease the continent's \$20-billion debt, remained a key player, he said. Commenting on what he called an essentially political matter, he asked not to be identified.

**Victory**

Politically, African leaders are likely to welcome a Dukakis victory. He has indicated his willingness to declare South Africa a terrorist state, and to tighten sanctions against it because of its apartheid race segregation policy.

African and American economists point to a sharp fall in US aid to the world's most impoverished continent in recent years under the Reagan administration at a time of fire need.

While Nordic countries, France and West Germany had considerably stepped up assistance to Africa in 1986 and 1987, the countries owe \$1.2 billion for past food aid.

**Scandal**

The scandal has rocked Premier Andreas Papandreou's socialist government because of accusations that senior officials were involved in illegal deals arranged by the Bank of Crete.

The government has pledged "absolute clarity" in uncovering the Bank of Crete scandal and warned there will be "no parades" for members of the ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) who may be implicated.

Over the weekend, a Greek shipowner bought one of the Grammi group's newspapers, the conservative daily Kathimerini.

The shipowner, Aristides Alafouzos, said he was paying 910 million drachmas (\$6.3

million) for the prestigious newspaper which was taken over by Koskotas last year "because Kathimerini must survive."

Koskotas is accused of publishing statements purporting to show that the Bank of Crete had more than \$30 million on deposit with two American banks, Merrill Lynch and Irving Trust.

He also is suspected of illegally using the bank's funds to finance the Grammi publishing group and several other companies in which he held a controlling interest.

Koskotas bought control of the Bank of Crete in 1984 after working for six years in its central offices as an accountant.

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LIFE	281.0	280.0	279.0
ADT LTD	131.0	130.0	129.0
ALD LYONS	463.0	462.0	461.0
ANSTRAD	188.0	187.0	186.0
ARGYLL GP	167.0	166.0	165.0
ASDA GP	144.0	143.0	142.0
BAA	278.0	277.0	276.0
BTR	294.0	293.0	292.0
BAT INDS	52.54	52.54	52.54
BARCLAYS	403.0	402.0	401.0
BASS	804.0	803.0	802.0
BEAVER	178.0	177.0	176.0
BEEMCHAM	463.0	462.0	461.0
BERISFORD	405.0	404.0	403.0
BICC PLC	374.0	373.0	372.0
BLUE ARROW	93.0	92.0	91.0
BLE CIRC	444.0	443.0	442.0
BOC GP	418.0	417.0	416.0
BOOTS CO	224.0	223.0	222.0
BPP INDS	264.0	263.0	262.0
BR COMM	247.0	246.0	245.0
BR AIRWAY	166.0	165.0	164.0
BR AEROSP	488.0	487.0	486.0
BR GAS RG	164.0	163.0	162.0
BR GAS RT	162.0	161.0	160.0
BR LAND	340.0	339.0	338.0
B.P.	225.0	224.0	223.0
B.P. PP	142.5	141.5	140.5
BR TELCOM	235.4	234.4	233.4
BURHAN OL	537.0	536.0	535.0
BURTON	195.4	194.4	193.4
CABLEWIR	386.4	385.4	384.4
CADBURY'S	59.00	58.90	58.80
COATS VIT	176.0	175.0	174.0
COKE UNI	335.4	334.4	333.4
CONS GOLD	170.0	169.0	168.0
DOOKSONS	266.0	265.0	264.0
DOLGETY	331.0	330.0	329.0
DIXONS	159.0	158.0	157.0
ENG CHINA	482.0	481.0	480.0
ENTL OIL	575.0	574.0	573.0
FKI BACK	132.0	131.0	130.0
FERRANTI	95.0	94.0	93.0
FISONS	294.0	293.0	292.0
GATEWAY	169.0	168.0	167.0
GEN ACCID	847.0	846.0	845.0
GEN ELECT	171.0	170.0	169.0
GLAXO	077.0	076.0	075.0
GRANADA	326.0	325.0	324.0
GLOBE	145.5	144.5	143.5
GLYNNED	298.0	297.0	296.0
GUARD RYL	178.0	177.0	176.0
GKN	27.00	26.90	26.80
GUINNESS	338.0	337.0	336.0
HAMMERS A	657.0	656.0	655.0
HANSON	149.4	148.4	147.4
HARRISON C	670.0	669.0	668.0
HAKER SID	547.0	546.0	545.0
HILLSIDE	262.0	261.0	260.0
ICI	016.0	015.0	014.0
WILLIAMS FB	39.76	39.75	39.74
WIMPEY GE	260.0	259.0	258.0
WOOLWORTH	241.0	240.0	239.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1474.3	1485.6	1489.5	1476.5
FT 500 SHR	0	1047.3	1047.3	1030.5
FT ALL SHR	958.61	958.61	950.00	946.27
FT GOV SEC	88.82	88.82	89.02	87.92
FT GOLD MN	174.5	174.5	175.3	171.6
FT MINES F	563.99	563.99	551.55	596.93
FT OIL	1741.1	1741.1	1732.7	1745.2
FT HLD DLR	132.96	134.40	134.17	125.42
FT HLD STG	111.67	111.79	111.94	110.62
FT HLD LOC	118.03	118.55	118.63	116.01
				99.08

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS LOWER ON U.S. ELECTION NERVOUSNESS  
LONDON, Nov 7, Reuter — Share prices stood near the day's lows in late trading, reflecting nervousness over the outcome of tomorrow's U.S. presidential election and potential dollar weakness after signs of further strength in the U.S. economy. Dealers said, however, that trading volumes and selling interest were relatively light. Wall Street's easier trend highlighted concern over the likely downward post-election path for the dollar after news of a two-point gain in the U.S. Purchasing manager's index in October to 56.8 pct., they added. At 1545 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 15.3 points down at 1,819.0 after touching a low of 1,818.3. Glenn Davis, chief economist at CL-Alexanders Laing and Cruickshank, said "I'm looking for a bit of a bounce (in equities), assuming a Bush victory, but the fundamentals have not changed and U.S. interest rates look to be going higher." Recent opinion polls point to a victory by George Bush but the market has been unsettled by indications that Michael Dukakis is narrowing the popularity gap. The rise in the October purchasing managers index, based on data from surveys of purchasing managers in more than 250 industrial firms, fuelled fears of rising inflationary pressure, sparked by the latest U.S. jobs data.

## London Gold

LONDON, Nov 7, Reuter — Gold bullion prices held near the low of the day's tight range, with conditions remaining quiet, as the market consolidated recent gains, dealers said. Gold closed at \$20.90/421.40 dlr/s an ounce, down from an opening 422.00/422.50 dlr/s, but little changed from Friday's close of 420.40/420.50 dlr/s. Little fresh interest was seen today, and after holding around steady opening levels this morning, gold drifted back this afternoon, partly in line with comex, but also reflecting general disinterest, ahead of tomorrow's U.S. presidential election, they said.

## London Money Market

LONDON, Nov 7, Reuter — Money rates held mostly steady in dull trading this afternoon as the market remained convinced there is little prospect of a move in U.K. bank base rates in the foreseeable future. "The (U.K.) government has already said interest rates will stay where they are until well into next year but unknowns like the trade deficit and sterling mean there's always a risk they'll go up. That's a recipe for inactivity," said one dealer. Caution ahead of Tuesday's U.S. presidential election is adding to the lacklustre trend. The benchmark three month sterling interbank rate was unchanged at 12.36/16 1/16 pct.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DHK	FFR	OPC
1.7740/50	1,7870/75	6,0955/85		
1.7750/60	3,1675/1710	10,8055/81		NOON
DHK 1.7812/7892	3,162/176		29.23/39	FIX
FFR 6,8850/1005	10,8055/8235	340.8/341.4		FIX
SFR 1.4952/4962	2,6514/6547	83.71/81	24.54-57	1300
HUF 2.0145	3.5725	112.79	33.06	FIX
ECU 1.16177	0.6542/98	2,07657	7.0776	CLOSE
SDR 1.34302	0.755269	2039152	8.15952	CLOSE
YEN 124.60/70	221.04/55			
SDR RATES	04/11/88	OTHERS	07/11/1988	

## LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BODY SHOP	594.0	595.0
BOOT HENR	388.0	387.0
BORTHWICK	58.0	59.0
BR ARROW	120.0	119.0
BR ASSETS	69.6	70.0
BR DREDGI	137.0	136.0
BR VITA	220.0	220.0
BRITAIN SE	176.0	175.0
BRITANNIC	343.0	342.0
BRITON X	354.0	355.0
BRITON X	220.0	220.0
BSG INTL	60.0	60.4
BSR INTL	70.4	71.0
BULLOUGH	473.0	473.0
BULMER HP	161.0	160.0
CALIF GRP	384.0	382.0
CAMP ELEC	235.0	235.0
PEARL	71.0	71.0
PILKINGTON	221.0	221.0
ALLO LDN	131.0	131.0
CANNING W	230.0	231.0
CANNON ST	283.0	283.0
KETSON	120.0	120.0
CARLTON C	315.0	313.0
CARON	343.0	343.0
CATER ALL	350.0	350.0
CHALMERS AB	123.0	123.0
CHILLING	63.0	64.0
CAUDLON	10.0	10.0
CENTL ITV	568.0	565.0
CHAM PHR	159.0	158.0
CHARTERA	20.0	20.4
CHAS CRH	100.0	100.0
CHILLING	312.0	313.0
CHLORIDE	56.0	57.0
CHRISTIES	600.0	600.0
CL GROUP	45.0	46.0
CMTR SEC	49.4	49.0
CNTRY OIL	157.0	158.0
COTTA DO	119.0	119.0
COTTA DO	180.0	180.0
CRH	132.0	132.0
CRODA INT	195.0	195.0
CRYSTAL	167.0	166.0
CTRY PROP	263.0	263.0
DARES ST	28.0	28.0
COURTS FR	210.0	210.0
LOW (MN)	678.0	678.0
COWBOY	228.0	228.0
CRH	132.0	132.0
CRODA INT	290.0	289.0
DE LA RUE	485.0	482.0
DELTA GRP	290.0	289.0
DEVENISH	314.0	315.0
DICKSON	68.0	68.0

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

*Arab Times*

## International Bond High/Lows

London—SandS Finance International Inc., a unit of Stop and Shop Companies Inc., is issuing a 200 million Eurobond due December 16, 1996, paying 10 1/8 pct and priced at 101 5/8 pct, lead manager Bankers Trust International said. (RTZG 1007)

London—Unilever Capital Corp. is issuing a 100 million Australian dollar Eurobond due December 1, 1993, paying 13 pct, lead manager Deutsche Bank capital markets said. (RTWL 1520)

London—Creditanstalt Bankverein is issuing a 100 million ECU Eurobond due December 9, 1993, paying 7 3/4 pct and priced at 101 5/8 pct, Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd said as lead manager. (RTVQ 1444)

Geneva—Norway's Storebrand Finance AS is issuing 125 million Swiss francs in three-year, 4-1/2 pct bullet notes, priced at 100 1/2 pct, lead manager Shearson Lehman Hutton Finance SA said. (RTZB 0839)

Amsterdam—The European Investment Bank is launching a 150 million guilder, 10-year bullet bond with a 6-1/4-pct coupon priced at 101.5, lead manager Amro Bank said. (RTTW 1114)

Zurich—The Mortgage Institute of the Swiss Cantonal Banks, Pfandbriefzentrale der Schweizerischen Kantonalbanken, plans a 130 million Swiss franc bond issue, lead manager Zurich Cantonal Banks said. (RTUL 1140)

## Interbank Rates

## Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	12 11-7/8	12 11-7/8	12 3/16 11 1/16
FFT	4.75/80	4.90/85	5.00/85
PAR	7-11/16 13/16	7-3/4 7/8	7-7/8 4-1/8
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-7/8 1-1/4
BRI	4.90	7-3/16 3-16	7-3/16 1/4
RON	10-3/8 10-7/8	11-1/4 11-3/4	11-1/2 12
AMS	5.50/62	5.25/35	5.25/35
TOK	3.8125 8750	UNQ	UNQ
ECU	7.375 7.625	7.43 7.56	7.50 7.62

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period      Bid      Offered  
1 month    7-15/16    8-3/8  
3 months   7-1/16    7-9/16  
6 months   6-13/16   7-5/16  
1 year      6-3/4    7-1/4

## BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	81	86	84	NICO	607.50	635	650	
CC	332	-	GRASIN	58	59	58.25	MILKIND	111	113	115	
STA PAINT	210 221.25	215	GSCFC	150	151.25	148.75	ORKAY	40	42.50	39.50	
HAJAJ AUTO	372.50 391.25	382.50	HIND LEVER	83	82	83	PEICO	30.50	31	33	
VAR. RAYON	290	295	305	HINDALCO	123	126	125	PFIZER	76	76	79
JON.DYING	130	132	133	HINDCOCO	108.75	113.75	111.25	PRE.AUTO	52.50	54	55.50
MR. BOND	110	111	112	HINDMOTOR	29.75	30.50	31.50	RAYMOND	63	63	64
SSE INDEX	683.78	670.75	IND ORG	41.50	43.50	43	RELIANCE	163	179	177	
CENTURYSPE	1405	1440	1450	INDRAYON	76	79	80.50	SIEMENS	100	106	110
COLGATE	308.75	330 327.50	INDROL	277.50	282.50	278	SPIC	51	53.50	53	
DEEPAKERT	43.75	45	45.50	ITC	50	51	52	STD MILLS	325	320	330
EI. HOTEL	52.50	51	56	JISYNTH	82	85	85	TATA PHR	345	345	340
ESKAYE	145 153.75	147.50	L AND T	127	132	130	TATACHEEN	101	106	104	
ESSAR	25 25.50	28.50	MAHINDRA	110	120	119.50	TELCO	717.50	740	735	
GAR. POLY	96.25 102.50	105	MASTERSH	16.75	18.50	18	TISCO	1000	1042.5	1047.5	
GE.SHIP	42	43	43	MATHER PL.	76.25	72.50	75	VOLTAS	430	445	450

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1310	1330	MITSUB EL	921	930	MITSUB EST	2760	2710
AEG	192.5	194.5	AJIJINOMOTO	2460	2500	2500	MITSUB HVY	1010	1020	MITSUB HVY	1010	1020
ALLIANZ VR.	1693.0	1706.0	AKAI ELEC	560	570	560	MITSUI CO	940	956	MITSUI CO	940	956
BADENWERK	181.5	180.5	ASAHI GLS	1850	1860	1860	MITSUKOSHI	1920	1930	MITSUKOSHI	1920	1930
BASF	274.1	278.5	ASAHI OPT.	620	640	620	MITSUNI EL	931	923	MITSUNI EL	931	923
BAUER	296.5	299.5	BRIDGESTON	1210	1220	1210	MIKON CHMT	935	960	MIKON CHMT	935	960
BAUER VER	370.5	370.0	NIKON	1200	1250	1200	MIKKO SEC	1590	1590	MIKKO SEC	1590	1590
BBC	324.5	333.0	NIKOP	1210	1190	1210	MIP ELEC	1750	1740	MIP ELEC	1750	1740
BHF	409.0	410.5	NIKUAI	1410	1410	1410	MIP KOKAN	872	890	MIP KOKAN	872	890
BHU	528.5	537.5	NIKUAI PHM	755	765	755	MIP OIL	1450	1460	MIP OIL	1450	1460
COMMERZBK	242.5	244.5	NIKUTAN	3000	3000	3000	MIP STEEL	890	905	MIP STEEL	890	905
CONTI GUMMI	263.5	266.5	NIKUTAN	897	880	897	MIP YUSEN	835	842	MIP YUSEN	835	842
DAIMLER BEN	744.5	758.0	NIKUTAN	2650	2600	2650	MITS NOTOR	1210	1220	MITS NOTOR	1210	1220
DEUTSC BNK	520.0	525.5	NIKUTAN	889	899	889	MORURA SEC	3590	3390	MORURA SEC	3590	3390
DLV	387.0	390.0	NIKUTAN	754	760	754	OBIA CO	775	785	OBIA CO	775	785
DRESNER B	296.8	296.2	OBICL	760	765	760	OBITUAR	970	985	OBITUAR	970	985
DT ARBOCK	157.0	157.5	OBICL	1000	1000	1000	PEPSI OCN	1000	1000	PEPSI OCN	1000	1000
TAZ INDEX	525.76	526.50	OBICL	1000	1000	1000	PIONEER	2660	2500	PIONEER	2660	2500
ELDGENSHEIM	275.00	275.50	OBICL	1000	1000	1000	RENOM	838	844	RENOM	838	844
SOLDSCHEID	335.5	338.0	OBICL	1000	1000	1000	TAISEI	1150	1170	TAISEI	1150	1170
HARPPNER	0	397.0	OBICL	1840	1850	1840	TAISYO MBN	1240	1250	TAISYO MBN	1240	1250
HOECHST AG	293.5	295.5	OBICL	1970	1970	1970	TAKEI CH	2250	2280	TAKEI CH	2250	2280
KOESCH	164.5	166.2	OBICL	2930	2980	2930	TAKEI CH	725	731	TAKEI CH	725	731
KORTEN	210.0	210.0	OBICL	700	707	700	TEIJIN	129.44	145.05	TEIJIN	129.44	145.05
RUSSEL HLD	462.0	472.0	OBICL	1690	1710	1690	TKD NEW IX	2070	2080	TKD NEW IX	2070	2080
CALI SALZ	153.0	155.8	OBICL	3680	3800	3680	TOKIO MRN	985	980	TOKIO MRN	985	980
CARSTADT	431.0	448.0	OBICL	1410	1420	1410	TOKYO ELECT	1650	1650	TOKYO ELECT	1650	1650
AUFHOF	409.0	410.0	OBICL	1790	1830	1790	TOKYO GAS	1460	1500	TOKYO GAS	1460	1500
LOECK N	137.8	138.5	OBICL	2100	2130	2100	TOMITO	1190	1200	TOMITO	1190	1200
LOECK W	0	0	OBICL	1070	1090	1070	TOKYO POM	5380	5640	TOKYO POM	5380	5640
INDE	708.0	709.0	OBICL	1070	1090	1070	TOKYO IND	835	826	TOKYO IND	835	826
UFTNSA	148.0	149.0	OBICL	13100	13100	13100	TOKYO IND	250	22			

**Arab contractors will get priority**

## Businessmen seek share in Iraq's reconstruction

BAGHDAD, Nov 7. (AP): Hundreds of Arab and foreign business men, bankers and industrialists have flocked to Baghdad in the last few days seeking a share in Iraq's post-war reconstruction.

More than 2,000 firms from 62 countries have representatives at the Baghdad Trade Fair this week, competing for a slice of the lucrative contracts as Iraq rebuilds its battered border cities and cranks up an ambitious development programme, hatched by the eight-year-old war with Iran, that involves projects worth an estimated \$50 billion.

**Priority**

Rebuilding and expanding its oil industry is Iraq's most immediate priority. But it also seeks to build up heavy industry, power generation, transport and communications.

**Foreign banks should be allowed to open branches in Kuwait, says GIC chief**

FOREIGN and regional banks should be allowed to open branches in Kuwait, Dr Khaled Al Fayed, executive chairman of the Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corp. (GIC) told a local daily.

In the beginning, priority should be given to Gulf banks to boost economic co-operation among Gulf Co-operation Council countries and to secure effective control by the Central Bank, he said.

Al Fayed also said local and Gulf legislation should be revised to accommodate the necessary services to be extended by a developed financial market.

Al Fayed also called for an expansion of an investment base by allowing foreign shares and securities to be traded in the local market. However, special systems and procedures must be developed to protect the investors' funds, he said.

**Developments**

The Gulf market in general and the Kuwaiti market in particular, have witnessed several economic developments that require specialised institutions that can serve local investors and look for investment opportunities throughout the Gulf, he said. Kuwait financial institutions have started developing their capabilities to play a positive role in the financial market, but the number of these institutions remains limited, he said.

However, Fayed praised the Kuwaiti monetary policy and said it is working to encourage investment.

Meanwhile, Al Fayed said development of a financial centre in Kuwait is a difficult task. The Kuwaiti market still lacks experience and is suffering from a shortage of dealers, he added.

**Kuwait-Portugal Fund holds its founders meeting**

KUWAIT International Investment Co. (KIIIC) has announced that the Kuwait-Portugal Fund held its founders meeting at company premises on Oct 31.

The meeting followed the formal incorporation of the fund in Jersey as a company with limited liability.

The board of directors was formed with the following members: Seraj Al Baker representing Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait, Jassim Al Modhar of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, Nastula Al Nasralla of the Kuwait Investment Authority, Saleh Al Qadhi representing the Public Institution for Social Security, Mrs Wafa Al Qatami of Kuwait Real Estate Bank, Anwar Al Usaimi of Pearl of Kuwait Investment Co., Ahmed Al Zabin representing Kuwait Airways Corp., Jassim Al Bahar of Kuwait International Investment Co., Ibrahim Al Therban of Kuwait International Investment Co. and Fouad Al Shehab representing Kuwait International Investment Co.

Bahar was elected chairman and Therban was elected vice-chairman of the fund.

**Subscription**

The fund was fully underwritten with a total subscription of \$40 million, led by KIIIC and co-managed by Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait, international financial advisers, and Kuwait Real Estate Bank.

The fund was incorporated to invest in the equity of listed and unlisted Portuguese real estate companies with emphasis on long-term growth. KIIIC hopes that the fund will open the way for further investment opportunities in Portugal for Kuwait and Gulf countries.

Some 200 Arab businessmen from the Gulf arrived in Baghdad on Saturday night to tour war-damaged areas, including the badly damaged southern port city of Basra, to assess reconstruction possibilities.

Iraqi officials have indicated that Arab contractors and companies will be given priority in the reconstruction effort.

A senior Japanese trade official expressed eagerness to help with reconstruction and boost trade with Iraq. But he asserted that Japanese businessmen remain cautious about getting too involved in Iraq until it signs a peace treaty with Iran.

"The two main factors which inhibit Japanese eagerness to expand business with Iraq for the time being are the stalemate peace talks and Iraq's debt problem," said Shinsaku Sogo.

executive director of Japan's External Trade Organisation.

The Japanese have kept a low profile at the fair. But Sogo told the Associated Press that was not because of Japanese reluctance, but the high cost of freighting Japanese goods, mostly machinery and heavy industrial equipment, to Iraq.

The Japanese and some Western businessmen and trade officials have cautioned against extravagant expectations of a post-war boom, noting that with imports running at about \$10 billion a year, the Iraqis won't have the resources to service debts and pay for reconstruction.

But major industrialised countries, their eyes on the lucrative contracts expected to emerge, are still prepared to do business, if only to ensure that they will eventually be repaid for debts incurred during the war.

Some have already put forward improved export credit for next year.

The United States last week concluded a new agreement to extend its current credit to export farm produce to about \$1.5 billion.

It was signed by Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh and Robert Piles, US deputy assistant secretary of commerce.

**Facilities**

Speaking to reporters at the fair's US pavilion, Piles expressed confidence in Iraq's creditworthiness and indicated that the United States might be willing to expand its trade relations with Iraq, which he said "proved capable of meeting its repayment obligations."

He added that Washington

was thinking of asking the Iraqi government to give US businessmen the same investment facilities that Arab businessmen receive.

Britain has signed an accord with Iraq to extend its line of credit above last year's £175 million, or \$297 million.

Britain's Minister for Trade and Industry, Anthony Newton, arrived in Baghdad on Friday for three days of talks with Iraqi officials. He is heading the British side at a session of the joint commission for economic, technical and scientific co-operation.

But the senior trade and banking officials accompanying him underlined the priority the British are giving to maintaining their traditional position in the Iraqi market and to secure contracts in the country's post-war rebuilding effort.

Other European countries, including West Germany, France and Italy, have shown similar interest in the Iraqi market. Their immediate objective is to maintain business with Iraq and share in the post-war development boom.

"Any decision to extend credit covers should depend on an assessment whether this would help ensure that Iraq would continue to service its war debt," one European businessman said.

Many countries have already rescheduled repayments of

debt.

Once a peace treaty is signed, Iraq will be able to reduce its huge military spending and rechannel its resources into reviving its development programme and reactivate the state sector, which suffered badly during the conflict.

## Japan retains its lead as world's leader in per capita savings again

GENEVA, Nov 7. (Agencies): Japan retained its lead as the world's leader in per capita savings on the stock exchange markets last year, beating out the thrifty Swiss for a second straight year, according to an international survey published today.

The study by the International Savings Banks Institute said Japanese per capita savings reached \$38,439 by the end of 1987, an increase of \$11,136 over the previous year.

Switzerland, formerly the long-time leader, recorded per capita savings of \$34,763, an increase of \$9,500.

The 35-nation survey counted only bank savings.

The report cited the strong value of the yen and Swiss franc against the dollar as the main factors contributing to the high figures.

Switzerland was followed by Belgium with \$17,987, West Germany with \$16,102 and Austria with \$13,269.

The report said that savings remained at a "good level due to a generally good control of inflation in several countries, the good economic performance average and ... a small decrease in unemployment."

It also said volumes of savings

in many countries surveyed showed "substantial growth, especially after the fluctuations on the stock exchange markets last year which led savers to come back to more traditional ways of investing."

The countries with the lowest per capita savings according to the study were Niger with \$7, Ethiopia with \$18 and Senegal with \$69.

**Imports**

Meanwhile, Japanese car imports shot up by 57 per cent to more than 10,000 last October, the highest monthly figure this year, the Association of Automobile Importers said yesterday.

It added that sales of imported cars also rose to 100,000 units in the first 10 months of the year.

The association indicated that West Germany, the US and South Korea were the main import markets.

Japanese business officials believe that the new US administration would pressure Japan to replace the US as the main importer of cars made in newly-emerging industrial nations of Southeast Asia.

They added that higher Japanese imports would slow down the growth of the Japanese economy.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov 7. (Reuters): Shares closed weaker as leading stocks across the board suffered losses in dull trading in the run-up to the US presidential election. The All Ordinaries index fell 13.7 to 1,567.

BOMBAY: Closed for holiday, reopens on Wednesday.

ZURICH: Shares closed lower on light volume. Investors were cautious after the downturn in New York overnight and in Tokyo and before the presidential poll. The Swiss index fell 7.6 to 13,89 to 1,271.13.

HONG KONG: Prices slipped in thin, lacklustre trading ahead of Tuesday's election and a HK Telecom announcement on a proposed share placement. The Hang Seng index fell 17.49 to 2,567.02.

SINGAPORE: Share trading volume was second lowest of the year as the US elections and a local holiday dampened interest. The Straits Times industrial index fell 5.21 to 1,023.27.

FRANKFURT: Anxiety about Tuesday's presidential election kept most investors on the

sidelines in thin trading, driving prices lower. The Dax index fell 13.89 to 1,271.13.

PARIS: Prices extended earlier losses at mid-session as caution increased ahead of the presidential election. The Dow Jones index fell 1.18 to 1,181.00.

LONDON: Prices stood near the day's lows in late trading, reflecting nervousness over the presidential election and potential dollar weakness after signs of further strength in the US economy.

Glenn Davis, chief economist at CL-Alexanders Laing and Crickshank, said "I'm looking for a bit of a struggle between poor internal factors — the Emperor and the Recruit Cosmo scandal — and good external factors — currency and interest rates," said Simon Smithson, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson International Ltd.

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## Dear Junior Readers,

For all the artists and writers among you, here is news of an exciting competition you can take part in. Shankar's International Children's Competition has been running for 40 years and has given children from all over the world a chance to show their skills in painting, drawing and writing. You will see the rules for the competition below this letter — read them carefully before you do anything else. Ask your parents or teacher to help you with anything you do not understand. If you want more information, you can contact the Embassy of India, P.O. Box 1450, 13015 Safat, Kuwait. Telephone number 2530600. Remember, the last date for entries is December 31st, 1988, so you had better get your skates on! Good luck to all competitors. Auntie Joyne

## Shankar's International Children's Competition 1989



## Rules

1. The competition is open to children all over the world. They should have been born on or after January 1, 1973. 2. There is no entry fee. 3. Competitors are free to choose the theme/subject they are interested in, or like most, for their paintings/drawings/writings. 4. Each entry should be certified by the parent/guardian/teacher that it is the original, unaided work of the competitor done during 1988. Entries should be an individual effort and NOT a combined work. 5. Each entry should carry the following information in ENGLISH AND IN BLOCK LETTERS; at the back of the painting/drawing or at the end of the written work: full name of the competitor, boy or girl, date of birth, nationality, full address, subject/title of the entry. 6. No entry will be returned. The copyright of all entries will rest with Shankar's International Children's Competition. 7. All packets should be pre-paid/adequately stamped and mailed directly to:

Shankar's International Children's Competition  
Neher House  
4 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg  
New Delhi 110002

8. The last date for receipt of entries is December 31, 1988. 9. Competitors from countries other than India are advised to despatch their entries, if sent by sea mail, well in advance allowing sufficient time for transit.

## PAINTINGS/DRAWINGS

10. Any medium, other than black lead pencil, can be used. 11. The size of each entry should NOT be less than 30 cm x 40 cm (12" x 16") in size. 12. A competitor may submit up to 6 entries. They should NOT be mounted/framed.

## WRITTEN WORK

13. Only entries written originally in ENGLISH will be considered. Translations from other languages do not qualify for the competition. 14. Entries may be in the form of poems, plays, short stories, essays, descriptive writing and the like. 15. A competitor may submit up to 6 entries. They should be in a neat handwriting or typed.

21 The second letter of these 6-letter words is always L. Can you find all ten words?

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2	L		
3	L		
4	L		
5	L		
6	L		
7	L		
8	L		
9	L		
10	L		

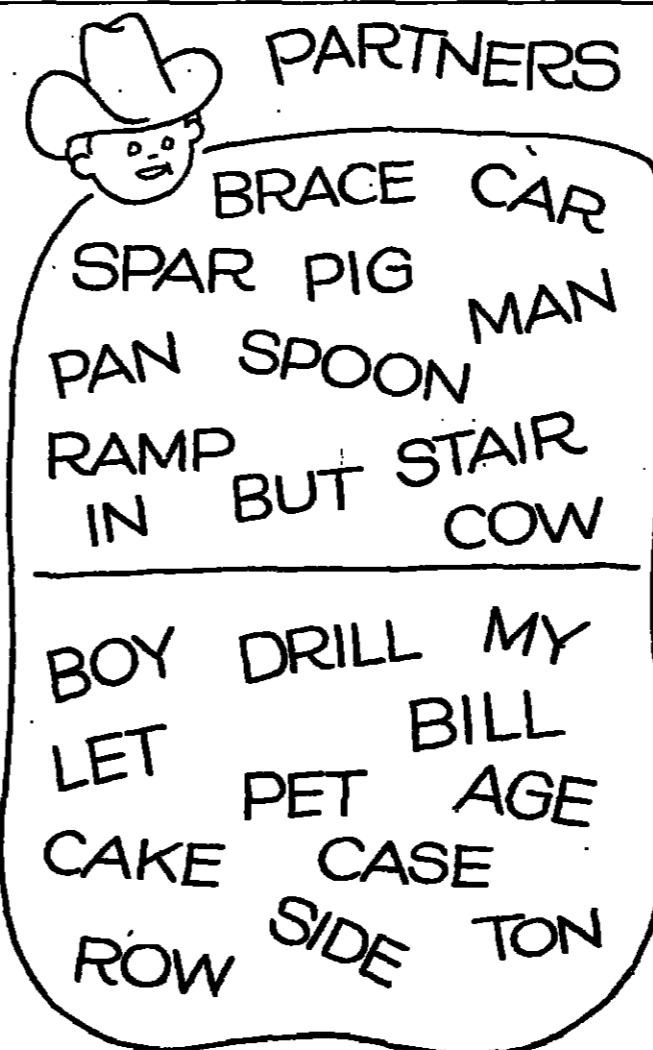
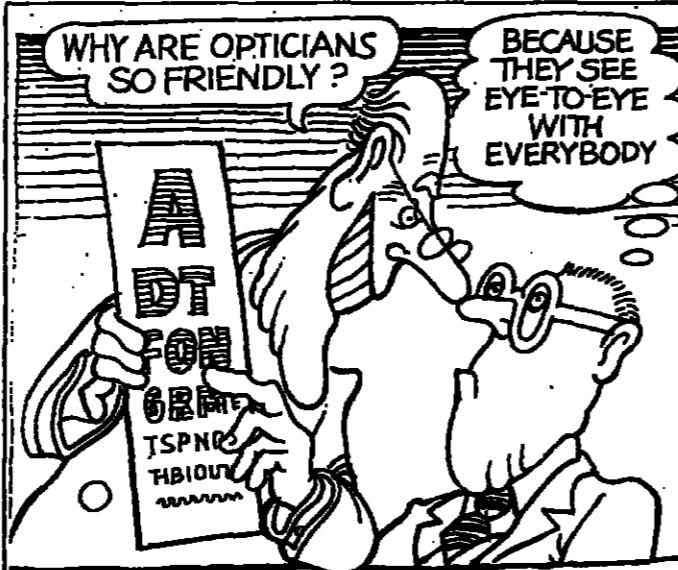
- 1 to take a quick look at
- 2 nearly
- 3 heavy and ungraceful in movement
- 4 brave
- 5 to draw back; to wince
- 6 light and thin
- 7 a customer
- 8 to get down from a train
- 9 to make white in the sun
- 10 having fair hair

## Ha! Ha!

What is an elephant? A mouse drawn to government specification.

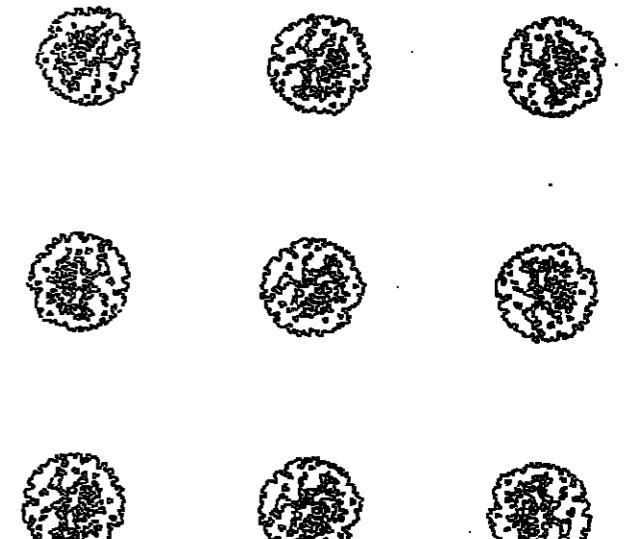
Why did the judge let the deaf man go free even though he was guilty? He couldn't convict a man without a hearing.

"Lend me fifty pounds." "I've only got forty pounds." "OK, lend me forty pounds and you can owe me the other ten."

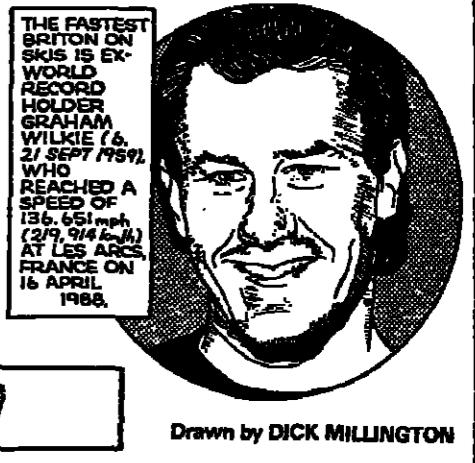
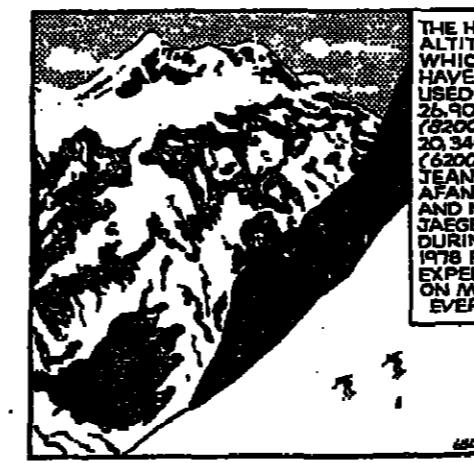
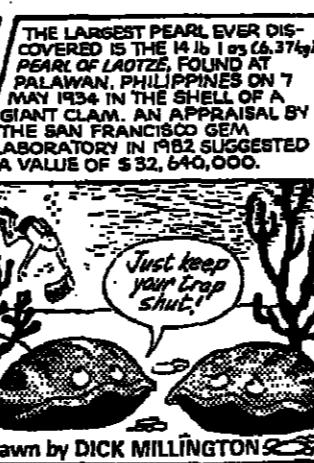
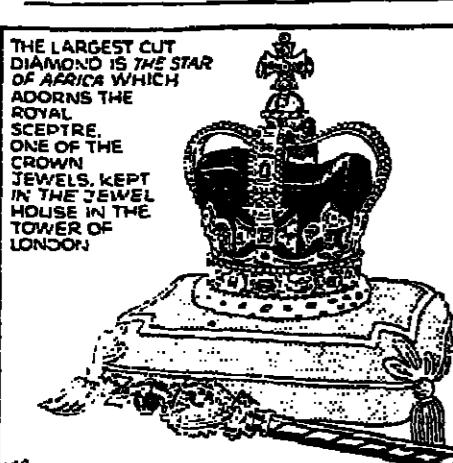


Can you join all nine trees in four straight lines without lifting your pencil? The lines must touch each tree once only.

Hint: Go outside the square of trees.



## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE LARGEST CUT DIAMOND IS THE STAR OF AFRICA WHICH ADORNS THE ROYAL CROWN JEWELS, KEPT IN THE BELL HOUSE IN THE TOWER OF LONDON

IN 1977 A 28.25 TON JADE BOULDER WAS DISCOVERED AT WATSON LAKE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, THE LARGEST, FULLY AUTHENTICATED PIECE OF JADE KNOWN.

THE LARGEST PEARL EVER DISCOVERED IS A 747g PEARL OF LARGEST FOUND AT PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES ON 7 MAY 1954 IN THE SHELL OF A GIANT CLAM. AN APPRAISAL BY THE GEM CO. LTD. LABORATORY IN 1962 SUGGESTED A VALUE OF \$132,640,000.

THE HIGHEST ALTITUDE AT WHICH SKIS HAVE BEEN USED IS FROM 7,620ft (2,314m) TO 20,340ft (6,200m) BY JEAN AND NICHOLAS JAEGER DURING THE FRENCH EXPEDITION ON MOUNT EVEREST.

IN 1987 PIRANHA SURFBOARDER FRANCESCO FRAGOLI & FERRARIO WON A RECORD FOUR WORLD CUP SKIING TITLES (DOWNHILL, GIANT SLALOM, SUPER-GIANT SLALOM AND OVERALL).

THE FASTEST BRITISH ON SKIS IS EX-World CHAMPION HOLDER GRAHAM WILKIE (6.200ft/1,829m), WHO REACHED A SPEED OF 136.66mph (219.74km/h) AT LES ARCS, FRANCE ON 16 APRIL 1988.



Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

Jeffie Tots

## The companion



mother.  
"Oh Mother, I'm fishing for gold. There's a heap of gold down here," cried Betty.

"My child," said the mother leaning over with a smile. "Nay, that's not gold. It's only the reflection of the sunshine."

"Oh Mother, I'm sure it's gold. See the little frog guarding it," said Betty eagerly, and she swished her net up and down in the water till there was nothing to be seen but the crooked waves with their glint of sunlight dancing on them.

"There's only the water weeds swinging down there," said her mother, and she turned back to the house.

The little girl sadly drifted after her, but she went again and again to the water's edge to peer down for the gold. Winter was coming, the canal was dull and the wind blew with bitter cuts like a carving knife, and gradually the fairy gold was forgotten in the ice and snow of winter.

Then with spring came a change. The rushes threw up new spikes, the water weeds returned with fresh new green. A few green leaves came up on stiff stalks, and they floated on the water. Each day they grew larger and stronger, and then buds appeared, round and hard as marbles. A speck of gold lay in the greenish petals, which unfurled in the sun and showed the buttercup flowers of the great noble kingcup.

"There's your fairy gold," said the mother. "I've never seen kingcups blowing on our canal side, but it's quiet and shallow here, and the water forget-me-nots live, so why shouldn't kingcups?"

Mother and daughter touched the big glossy leaves and the gold cups of the flowers; and the little green frog swam up and lay on a leaf as if it were on a raft.

One day as Betty knelt

and each made a sound of recognition, a cry and a grunt.

"What is your name?" asked Betty. "Is it like mine?"

"No, I am called Caro, because the things love me," said the girl.

"What things?" asked Betty.

"Everything, water and light and sunshine and air," replied Caro gaily and she flung her arms up and seemed to catch the air in her hands. Then she stooped to the water and picked up a handful of drops which she let fall as dark stars on the pathway. They lay like flowers and they took root and grew in the grassy verge.

Then she saw the kingfisher. Instead of flying like a blue arrow across the water and disappearing in the distance, he came near and perched on a low branch of a naked willow.

The two little girls stooped to him. Betty tried to touch him but he flew a few inches away so that Caro's hand could stroke his bright feathers. Then off he went, dipping and flying, to the river in the meadows.

Caro held up a tiny blue feather in her hands. She gave it to her companion.

"A present for you," said she.

As Betty held it she could hear the voice of the bird flying over the river. It spoke to the wind and the sky, and it sang a few notes to the swallows dipping over the water. Kingfisher, blue halcyon bird, beloved bringer of luck to the fisherman and the little girl wandering by the canal.

"I heard what he said," murmured Betty.

"Yes, the feather gives you the power to hear bird talk," replied the reflection girl, diving into the water and returning dry as her companion. She brought up a twig with a caddis clinging to it. They both leaned over and admired the creature, and then the reflection girl dropped it back in the water, for overhead flew a green dragonfly, singing and darting

close to the hair of the reflection girl.

"It thinks I am made of water," she laughed and she caught it in her fingers.

"Here's green dragon for you, Betty," said she. The wings fluttered and the dragonfly sat on the band of light. Then it rose and flew away, with a band of light on its head like a crown jewel of diamonds.

A horse stood by the fence as they wandered along the path. Betty called to it, but its eyes were staring at the girl by her side. Suddenly it kicked up its heels and laid its ears flat and dashed away.

"It's frightened of me," said Caro. "It can see me and it isn't quite sure. All animals can see the half-visible, only man is blind to them. And you, Betty, can see me."

"You will go home with me, won't you?" asked Betty.

"No, your mother would not believe in me. I should be invisible to her, and she would think you were ill or crazed. No, better to keep me a secret. I am your sister, your reflection and you can always call me from the water if you stoop down and beckon to me."

She stared at the patch of sunlight, and the girl, Caro, slid back through the door, and away to the water. So when they got back to the cottage the girl gently slid back into the water, but before she did so she peeped into the kitchen. Betty's mother was busy setting the table for dinner.

"Come along, Betty," she cried. "You can set the table. There's a light by your side, a queer patch of sunshine came in with you. Shut the door. No, leave it open, it's pretty."

She stared at the patch of sunlight, and the girl, Caro, slid back through the door, and away to the water.

So every day the girl came from the canal to play with the little girl in the cottage, and together they roamed the country, speaking to bird and animal and tree, finding flowers and insects and stroking the butterflies which always flew down to the reflection and settled on her watery shining hands.







## Avengers overcome Equalisers

ANOTHER week of intense competition in the KBRG Kuwait Darts League saw Avengers remain the only side in all four leagues to retain their 100 per cent record, thanks to a hard fought 2-1 victory over Equalisers. Excellent darts from all six girls throughout, bettered only by Dougie's barracking, the only difference between the teams being Julie Ellis' winning double four.

Lady Tossers moved smoothly into second place by virtue of a 2-0 win at home to Human Beans, whilst Bulls Hitters ladies also had a good week beating Chuckers 2-0, and also Nibblers earlier in the week by 2-1, to move into third.

In other Wednesday ladies matches H2O beat Fintas Floozies 2-0, with Shooa scoring 95. Shipsweaks sank Nibblers 2-0 despite Diane Novis' 104, and Odjom edged Mee Ladies 2-1.

In the Wednesday Men's League, Middle Eastenders dropped their first point of the season at home to Entente Geordale, and at 2-0 and 3-2 down thought defeat was looming large. However, steady darts in the deciding Mickey Mouse, and new recruit Keith Allen, saw them earn a point. 140 club trophies here for Peter Bedlow and Brian Mitchelson, with Keith getting three high scores including a 114 finish.

Soweto Slingers moved into second spot, depositing Equalisers on game difference, having beaten them 4-2. Very good scoring here as Slingers only made sure of success by winning both Mickey Mouse games in fine style. Four high scores each for John Donovan and Ian Thomas, with 135 by Alan Wild, 134 by Dave Ball, 120 from Ihsan Soboh and 2 100's for Richard Ellis and Doug Francis.

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Bulls Hitters moved ominously into fourth, having beaten Nobblers in a re-arranged game mid-week, by out throwing Chuckers 5-1. A captain's performance here by John Watson as he led the way with four high scores in his 2-0 singles win, as he also checked out one leg in 18 darts. Other high scorers were Dave Bosworth and Graham Warner.

Hasbeans continued their recent good form with a 4-2 win against Shower of Tossers. Mike McLeod registered the highest Wednesday finish to date with 117, but still lost to Ted Stoklosa 2-1.

### Wednesday League

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
M Eastenders	6	5	1	0	32	8	11
S Singers	5	4	1	1	24	12	9
Equalisers	5	4	1	1	21	12	8
H2O	5	3	2	0	23	10	7
Nobblers	5	2	2	1	18	12	6
S of Tossers	5	2	2	1	17	13	5
Entente Geordale	5	2	1	2	12	13	4
M A Trots	5	1	2	2	11	13	4
Chuckles	5	1	0	4	12	19	4
D Scatters	5	0	0	5	11	19	4
Human Beans	5	0	0	5	8	22	4
Shipwrecks	5	0	0	5	7	27	4
F Flyers	6	0	0	6	8	27	0
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Avalanche	5	4	0	1	12	8	18
Human Beans	5	4	0	1	9	4	18
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M Eastenders	5	4	0	1	12	10	18
Kontiki	5	4	0	1	12	10	18
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**SPORTS**

CARIBBEAN SIDE SCORES FIRST WIN OF AUSTRALIAN TOUR

# West Indies crush South Australia



Richards: took three wickets for 78

**SPORTS BRIEFS****Friday League**

THE Al Mulla Mitsubishi Friday League matches organised by the Unity Cricketers at Ahmadi, will commence from Friday onwards. Fixtures at the Oval: Nov 11, 0900 am YMCA vs Morning Star (Al Mulla 2), 1.10 pm Starlite vs Capri (Union 2), Nov 25, 0900 am Al Mulla vs Kokan (M. Star 2), 1.10 pm Kifco vs Siddiqui (YMCA 2).

**Malhotra Trophy**

KIFCO meet Unity at the New Ground on Friday at 9.00 am in a 'Malhotra Trophy' semifinals match, organised by the Unity Cricketers at Ahmadi. Umpires nominated are (2) from Kokan. In the afternoon, on the same ground, Falcon meet Bright Stars at 1.10 pm and umpires appointed are (1) from Siddiqui and (1) from Unity.

**PBAK meeting**

THE Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their third general meeting tomorrow at the 300 Club Silver Tower at 8.00 pm. For more details contact PBAK director Sara Macarimbang, Tel. 483447.

**Non-racial body**

LUSAKA, Nov 7, (Reuters): The African National Congress (ANC) urged South Africa's separate soccer organisations yesterday to work towards the creation of a single non-racial governing body for the sport.

**Speedboat race**

PARI, Nov 7, (AP): Philippe Reboul of France died during the six hour speedboat race on the Seine River yesterday when his boat collided with that of another participant, police said.

**Checker 500**

PHOENIX, Nov 7, (AP): Alan Kulwicki, a mechanical engineer who races for his own company, grabbed the lead with 16 laps to go yesterday when a blown radiator hose crippled Ricky Rudd's car and he held on to win the inaugural Checker 500.

**Viral hepatitis**

NAPLES, Italy, Nov 7, (UPI): A second player from Italian soccer club Napoli has been diagnosed as having viral hepatitis. Defender Tebaldo Bigliardi was sent to hospital by team doctor Emilio Acampora this week, but club medical staff say they don't expect to discover any more cases of the disease among players.

**Grave errors**

VIENNA, Nov 7, (UPI): The Austrian Football Association has admitted they made grave errors over ticket availability for last Wednesday's World Cup Group Three qualifier against Turkey. Lack of match attendance has reached chronic levels of late, with figures of less than 1,000 at League matches and some internationals drawing only 3,000 fans.

**Drug abuse**

LONDON, Nov 7, (Reuters): Yachting's governing body is to take action to combat the threat of drug abuse in the sport.

The International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) is setting up a medical commission headed by Belgian Jacques Rogge, a specialist in sports medicine and a keen sailor.

**BRIDGE**

RESULTS of the Hubra Bridge Club games played on Saturday:

- 1. Sberia & Tawil Ahmed
- 2. Parek & Sapre
- 3. Gajjar & Aurora
- 4. W.
- 5. Rasen & Khaddoura
- 6. Mrs Sapre & Desmond Pereira
- 7. Tiba & Kaha

ADELAIDE, Nov 7, (Reuters): West Indies scored the first win of their Australian cricket tour today, beating South Australia by an innings and 20 runs even though the state side managed a second innings total of 410.

Paul Nobes, a newcomer to the side, was South Australia's top scorer with 95 but, as always seemed likely, West Indies' first innings score of 593 for eight declared proved insurmountable.

South Australia, who made only 163 in their first innings, started the final day of the four-day match with some prospects of forcing a draw.

But having been 193 for one overnight, they were 298 for four at lunch and defeat was only a matter of time.

Fast bowler Winston Benjamim struck an important blow when he removed Andrew Hil-

ditch before the former Test opener had added to his 64. He had put on 113 for the second wicket with Nobes.

Captain David Hookes scored 47 runs in 54 minutes, including 10 fours and a six, before he fell to fast bowler Courtney Walsh and when Nobes departed 10 runs later, caught close in off all-rounder Carl Hooper, West Indies were through the best of South Australia's batting.

For once it was the less venomous of the West Indian bowlers who did most of the damage, the off spin of Hooper, who took four for 163, and captain Viv Richards, with three for 78, undermining the South Australian second innings.

West Indies' win followed defeats in their opening two tour matches, one-day and four-day games against Western Australia in Perth.

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**Scoreboard**

WEST INDIES first innings 593 for eight declared (G. Greenidge 213, V. Richards 136 P. Sleep four for 207)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA first

innings 163

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innings (overnight 193 for one)

A. Hibberd b Benjamin ..... 64

G. Bishop c Benjamin b Richards ..... 45

P. Nobes c Richardson b Hooper ..... 95

D. Hookes c Richards b Walsh ..... 47

W. Phillips c Richardson b Hooper ..... 36

P. Sleep c Dejan b Hooper ..... 19

P. Anderson c Dejan b Richards ..... 6

P. Gladigau c Walsh b Richards ..... 16

A. Zosen c Dejan b Ambrose ..... 25

C. Kilian c Benjamin b Hooper ..... 32

T. May not out ..... 7

Extras (lb-9 nb-9) ..... 18

Total ..... 410

Fall off wickets: 1-81 2-194 3-257 4-

267 5-314 6-328 7-332 8-355 9-399

Bowling: Marshall 9-2-42-1 (3nb), Horner 51-

51-5-4, Walsh (84-51-1 (4nb),

Richards 25-2-78-3, Benjamin 7-3-23-

1 (1nb).

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A referee (2nd right) being beaten after a South Korean lost a bout and refused to leave the ring.

## Referees banned after Seoul Olympics row

WEST BERLIN, Nov 7, (Reuters):

Three referees involved in a controversial decision at the Seoul Olympic boxing finals have been barred from officiating at fights pending a key meeting on the affair next year, a leading official said today.

Karl-Heinz Wehr, general-secretary of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA), said the officials who gave South Korean Park Si-Hun a surprise win over American Roy Jones in the Olympic light middleweight final had been banned until March.

AIBA chief plan a March meeting in Nairobi to look into the problems of the Seoul event, East German official Wehr told reporters during a visit here.

Wehr said the rules could not be changed officially until the next meeting of the AIBA congress in 1990, he said.

A report in the East German daily Deutche Sportecho said the AIBA was compiling a list of referees and ring judges it wanted barred or suspended after Seoul.

The newspaper did not say when it was expected to be ready.

At a meeting in Strasbourg last week, AIBA also agreed to introduce next year new gloves which will absorb the power of punches better.

US team officials made allegations of bribery afterwards which

## Kalambay set to fight Dewitt

MONT CARLO, Nov 7, (Reuters): Italian middleweight Sumbu Kalambay pits his proven class against the raw strength of unpredictable American Doug Dewitt when he defends his World Boxing Association (WBA) title tomorrow night.

Kalambay, a Zaire native known to his adoptive fans as "Patrizio," has grown in stature as a fighter in the eight years since he settled in Italy.

Now 32, five years older than his opponent, Kalambay is at the height of his powers. He is a clean, technical boxer with a quick right hand.

**Threatened**

He took the vacant WBA crown last October with an easy points win over American Fran Barkley and has not looked threatened in his two defences since.

In comparison, Dewitt, a New Yorker who turned professional at the age of 18, is a bruiser. His performances, always gutsy, can best be described as erratic.

Dewitt took Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns the distance in Detroit two years ago before losing on points. Although he numbers five defeats in 39 professional fights, he also has 18 knockouts to his credit.

"What I've got and he hasn't is punching power, strength and rough tactics. I'm a slick fighter and I'm going to prove it tomorrow night," Dewitt told journalists today at a news conference in this tiny Mediterranean principality.

"All I can say is I'm going to give it 110 per cent," he added.

If it may not be enough, Dewitt's best strategy would probably be to try and wear down the older man, corner him and hit as hard and as often as possible.

Neither man can take much punishment. But on appearances Kalambay knows better how to avoid it — Dewitt's flat nose and hooked chin.

**Raiders 13, Chargers 3**

At San Diego, the Raiders moved into a tie with Denver and Seattle for first place in the AFC West at 5-5. Steve Beuerlein threw a fourth-quarter touchdown pass to Trey Junkin and Chris Bahr kicked a pair of field goals.

**Bigger**

According to expert observers and fans alike, Kalambay is marking time with the defence against Dewitt, waiting for a bigger middleweight name to fight.

If he wins tomorrow, he may get a shot at Michael Nunn, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight champion, in a big money unification fight in the United States. It would be the first time "Patrizio" had fought outside Europe.

**Shield cricket**

SYDNEY, Nov 7, (Reuters): Scores on the fourth and final day of Sheffield Shield cricket matches today:

In Sydney: Victoria 175 and 331 for seven declared (G. Wattis 135, J. Siddons 63; G. Lawson three for 32, M. Whitney three for 91). New South Wales 173 and 312 for seven (M. Taylor 73, T. Bayliss 70; M. Osborne three for 67). Match drawn.

In Brisbane: Tasmania first innings 405. Queensland first innings 406 for seven (S. Law 179, A. Border 52; D. Gilbert three for 146). Match drawn.

**East Germany usher in new era**

NEW YORK, Nov 7, (AP): While Mike Ditka sat in a hospital room and watched on television, his Chicago Bears made him feel pretty good.

Ditka, who suffered a mild heart attack Wednesday, was back with his wife and a doctor at Lake Forest Hospital yesterday and he had to like what he saw as the Bears beat Tampa Bay 28-10.

"I think he would have been harder on him not to watch the game," said his wife Diana. "That would be more stress.... It was a good thing for him. It was a good test."

The game also was a good test for Mike Tomczak, who once again replaced an injured Jim McMahon at quarterback. Tomczak, often the subject of Ditka trades on the sidelines, completed 18 of 26 passes for 269 yards and upped his record to 12-2 as replacement starter for McMahon, including 5-0 against the Buccaneers.

Chicago, 8-2, also clamped down on Tampa Bay quarterback Vinny Testaverde. The Bears intercepted two passes and sacked him twice for 32 yards.

Elsewhere yesterday, Cincinnati also moved to 8-2 with a 42-7 thrashing of Pittsburgh. Also, it was Philadelphia 30, the Los Angeles Rams 24; New England 21, Miami 10; the New York Giants 29, Dallas 21; Minnesota 44, Detroit 17; and Atlanta 20, Green Bay 0.

In late games, Buffalo took Seattle 13-3; Denver whipped Kansas City 17-11; Indianapolis routed the New York Jets 38-14; Phoenix rallied past San Francisco 24-23; and Washington beat New Orleans 27-24.

At night, the Los Angeles Raiders beat San Diego 13-3.

Today, Cleveland were to visit Houston.

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The simulator houses a replica of the Rothmans Audi Quattro, driven by Saeed Al Hajri in this year's Middle East Rally Championships.

The race will be run over 82 laps of the 2,348 miles/3,779 kms circuit making a race distance of 192,536 miles/309,878 kms.

Tickets are distributed to would-be drivers and approximately 40 people contest for the three prizes on the final day.

Anyone can take advantage of this exhilarating experience to test their rally driving skills on the computerised driving unit.

Certificates will be awarded to competitors and prizes to the winners. The winner of the day gets a Rothmans rally jacket.

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